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£20m WINDFALL TO BOOST TOWN

A £20 million cash bonus is on its way to Oswestry over the next decade, the town mayor has revealed.

The funding will include at least £5 million that will be handed over to Oswestry Town Council for the sale of part of the town's livestock market land for a supermarket and cinema.

This week councillors agreed to look at how the proceeds from the supermarket complex should be spent as part of the creation of a neighbourhood plan for Oswestry.

But some councillors are urging caution against 'scattering the money like confetti'. Oswestry 2020 will be put together with the help of Llanymynech-based company, Resource for Change, which will oversee consultation.

Councillor Martin Bennett, Oswestry's mayor, said that the Smithfield money, along with the New Homes Bonus and the Community Infrastructure Levy would bring funding to the town.

by Graham Breeze

The town council has pledged that capital receipts from the supermarket project will be ring-fenced and used for town-based projects determined through extensive local community consultation.

"Despite the years of austerity Oswestry has seen £8 million spent on a new leisure centre and £2 million on a new youth centre. Oswestry could see £20 million available for investment for the people of Oswestry over the next five to 10 years," Councillor Bennett said.

Quality

Councillor Bennett said he wanted to see money bring good quality jobs to the town.

Councillor Saffron Rainey said: "We must not scatter it like confetti to patch up too many holes or make us look good for a short time."

Councillor Betty Gull stressed that the windfall was only a one-off and should be put to income generating uses for the people of Oswestry in the future.

The town council is involved in the Oswestry 2020 project along with representatives from a wide range of organisations including local schools and colleges, the chamber of commerce and voluntary and charity groups.

The town will be divided into seven different areas to see what priorities should be flagged up for improvements in the future.

At a launch meeting for Oswestry 2020 held in the summer some of the main concerns were the lack of sports facilities in the north of the town, more shops and community facilities called for in eastern Oswestry and more units needed for the industrial estate.

Town centre priorities included parking problems, business rates, improving the market, putting flats over shops and getting a railway link to the main line at Gobowen.

Injuries unit will complete services

A MULTI-million pound health village in Oswestry will soon be complete when the Minor Injury Unit moves.

Oswestry Health Centre is in part of the former Cambrian Buildings, off Gobowen Road, and holds many services including X-ray facilities and dentistry.

On November 1 the MIU, which is currently based at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital, will move into the listed building in Oswestry.

Having a MIU in Oswestry means people in the town and the surrounding areas won't have to travel to an A&E service further away.

Conditions treated by the service include cuts, sprains and bruises, bites, wound infections, foreign bodies in the eyes nose and ears, some head injuries, some fractures, burns and scalds.

Gilly Scott, clinical lead for the MIU service and Community Hospitals at Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust, said: "It's great that the MIU has got a brand new home at the Oswestry Health Centre.

"We hope the service will continue to be at the heart of the local community, treating people who have minor injuries.

"The MIU is staffed by emergency nurse practitioners who are highly skilled nurses with expertise in treating a wide range of injuries. "

When the MIU is closed, cover will be provided by Shropdoc on 08444 06 88 88.

Chronicle is celebrating

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Managing director Phil Inman said the awards had "highlighted the real difference our business makes".

● **Winners – See Page 3**

Threat of 70 job losses at cheese firm

UP to 70 people could lose their jobs at a cheese packing factory in Oswestry.

The Cheese Company, on the Maesbury Road industrial estate, is expected to lose its finance centre to Poland, after a merger between Arla Foods amba and Milk Link.

The Arla group – now the UK's biggest dairy company – confirmed today that it was proposing the transfer of Milk Link's finance shared service centre at Oswestry to Arla's shared service centre at Gdansk in Poland and the integration of the commercial finance, supply chain, technical and IT functions, predominately based at Oswestry, to Leeds. If this goes ahead 70 office jobs will go in Oswestry.

The cheese cutting and packing jobs will be unaffected by the changes and the Arla group said it hoped the merger would see the cheese business as a whole grow, with Oswestry an important part of that growth.

In all 350 people are employed in the factory, one of Oswestry's largest employers.

Spokesman Will Sanderson said: "While the merger is a positive development for Arla in the UK, unfortunately, it is likely that a number of our colleagues may be affected directly by the merger.

"In total 70 colleagues may be potentially affected by the proposed changes at Oswestry."

Foodbank reaps rewards

Surrounded with a mass of food at Oswestry and Borders Foodbank is manager Gillian Richards. ***Picture: Simon Williams.***

AN Oswestry foodbank service created to help poverty-hit residents has reaped the benefits of recent harvest festivals.

Churches and schools in the area have been delivering food collected at their festive services to Oswestry and Borders Foodbank.

The service was set up by members of Churches Together Oswestry District to help stop people in the town going hungry during the credit crunch.

Food parcels are given to those on a low income, in debt, have had benefit changes or benefit delays. In the last week the service has seen its shelves starting to bulge with donated items.

Gillian Richards, the foodbank manager, said: "It is fantastic, it is really wonderful, the public have been fantastic.

"It all started coming in last week. We are grateful to the churches as this is extra to what we normally get. The shelves are fuller. We also had a large consignment from Bellan House in Oswestry."

Future of carnival is hanging in balance

A BIG question mark is hanging over the future of Welshpool's Carnival, which may have held its last event unless more people step forward to help.

An urgent plea has gone out from the small band of organisers holding the event together, and without an injection of fresh blood the carnival is in serious danger of going under.

"There is a possibility that if people do not come forward there may not be a carnival next year, but not if we can help it," said Trish Hodges from the organising committee. "That is not a choice that we want to look at if we don't have to."

Problems with scheduling caused by the royal celebrations and the Olympics meant this summer's event did not go ahead, but the organisers don't think this had an impact on its long-term future.

"Most committees that I know of are having trouble attracting fresh faces," said Trish. "It seems to be increasingly difficult for a lot of organisations at present."

She said she hoped that this early appeal would encourage more people to come forward and start the planning process for 2013 as soon as possible.

Can you help? If so, contact Trish after 6pm on 01938 556896 or Tegwyn Evans on 01938 552284.

Adele to light up the town

OLYMPIC torch bearer Adele Nicoll will switch on Welshpool's christmas lights on November 30.

The 16-year-old javelin and discus-throwing sensation will flick the switch at 7pm and the town council is appealing for people to turn out in fancy dress to join the annual parade.

The parade will leave the Tourist Information Centre at 6.45pm, led by Newtown Youth Band and make its way to the Town Hall.

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Spinal centre's stone laid by Savile removed

by Sue Austin

THE foundation stone laid by former Radio 1 DJ Jimmy Savile at the Oswestry-based Midlands Centre for Spinal Injuries has been taken down amid allegations that Savile sexually abused more than 100 people over a number of decades.

The veteran DJ and charity worker was invited to lay the foundation stone at the new centre at the Orthopaedic Hospital in May 1999.

He toured the hospital wards, met staff and patients then stripped to the waist to dig the first sod at the site of the new building using a specially engraved spade.

Now the foundation stone has been taken away in a decision by the trust board.

Wendy Farrington-Chadd, chief executive at The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust said: "In light of the allegations, we have removed the stone and all references to him within the hospital."

The Midlands Centre for Spinal Injuries was built thanks to a £3.5 million fundraising appeal, much of the money coming from local people.

Savile was chosen to cut the first sod because of his links with the Stoke Mandeville Hospital, also famous for its work with spinal injury patients. He received no payment for his visit.

The work on the new unit was visited by Princess Anne, the Princess Royal, patron of the Spinal Injuries Association, the following March and was opened in the October.

The new centre replaced the old hut-like wards that had housed the centre for more than 30 years. The huts had dated back to the 1920s and were totally unsuitable for caring for the spinal injuries patients.

Jimmy Savile during his visit to the Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital. He cuts the sod as the crowds look on.

The foundation stone at the hospital has been removed.

Sycamore tree death blamed on gritting salt

SALT from gritting the roads during two cold winters could have helped kill a sycamore tree next to a car park in Oswestry town centre, it has been revealed.

Shropshire Council wants to fell the tree on Festival Square which produced no leaves at all this summer.

In a report, tree inspector David Woodhouse said that although the dead tree was not unsafe it would become so if it was not removed.

This week Oswestry Town Council agreed to the felling, as the tree is in a conservation area.

Festival Square is also home to cherry trees that have the axe hanging over them – literally.

More than a year ago Shropshire Council condemned the trees.

Jazz afternoon

JAZZ music will be floating through the air at a venue in Oswestry. On Sunday fans of jazz are invited to The Ironworks, in Church Street, from 12.30pm until 2.30pm. For more information e-mail *southsoundsjazz@aol.com*

Protest over bid to build in zone

A CAMPAIGN has been launched against plans to build affordable homes in Chirk.

More than 50 people attended an emergency meeting of Chirk Bank Community Group to hear more about the plans to build houses in the village.

Organisers said the general consensus was that there was no demand for new housing in the village, which is part of the Llangollen Canal World Heritage Site buffer zone.

The plans would see seven homes built in Chirk Bank, near Oswestry – three of which would be affordable housing. Previous plans for homes at the site sparked objections from residents.

Agents speaking on behalf of the application say the revised plans address residents' concerns.

But members of Chirk Bank Community Group said residents' concerns remained and were repeated at Thursday's meeting.

Angela Bright from the group said: "The earlier concerns remain and people in general are against this.

"The vast majority of people at the meeting said they were against the homes. We had a good discussion and it was lively."

Reading aloud library session

A FREE daytime event for adults will take place in a library in Shropshire.

Gobowen Library is holding a Time to Listen event on October 23 from 11am.

People are invited along to sit back and relax while library staff read aloud from fiction and poetry.

Coffee and biscuits will be served.

To take part in the event call (01691) 653388 or e-mail *gobowen.library@shropshire.gov.uk* to book a place.

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Actor has backing for pylon campaign

ONLY Fools and Horses star John Challis has given his support towards the fight against a scheme to put pylons across the Shropshire and Mid Wales countryside.

National Grid wants to build a 400,000 volt electricity line across the Shropshire border to feed the electricity generated from wind farms in Mid Wales into the national power network.

Actor Mr Challis wrote to Bwlch & Peniarth Residents Against Windfarm Developments group in support of their campaign.

The group had organised a fundraising hog roast event at Bryngwyn Hall, in Bwlchy-Cibau, which saw more than 250 people attend and £2,000 raised.

Mr Challis was unable to take part due to work commitments so instead wrote to the group saying 'top of my list of 'Things to do before I die' is to destroy the myth that wind turbines will save the world and expose the giant con perpetrated by the government of this country'.

He added: "All power to your elbows."

Sian Lloyd, weather presenter, also added her support to BRAWD's campaign. She urged people to keep fighting.

Christmas store opens at centre

CHRISTMAS gets underway at Moreton Park Garden Centre next week.

The Christmas shopping season starts on Thursday evening, with artificial trees and lights displayed around a magical winter woodland theme.

All will be revealed between 6pm and 9pm when the garden centre will have a number of free activities. There is also a chance for shoppers to win a luxury Christmas hamper.

Team of the year award winners Oswestry & Border Chronicle with sponsor Jeff Lawrenson (Amra).

Team wins publisher's accolade

THE Oswestry & Border Chronicle landed the top award as publisher Midland News Association staged the company's first ever awards ceremony last Friday.

More than 400 guests gathered at the Telford international Centre to raise their glasses as 21 award winners, covering all departments, were honoured for their achievements.

Managing director Phil Inman said the awards had 'highlighted the real difference our business makes'.

He added: "Our titles matter to the customers we serve, the communities we support and the regions we represent.

"Our portfolio is the envy of the industry and so are our staff. I am proud to be the managing director of a company where staff make such a positive difference."

The 21 winners picked up their trophies from a list of 72 finalists, with those shortlisted having made it from an original entry list of 275 nominations.

Staff at the Oswestry and Border Chronicle were celebrating being winners of the Team Of The Year award.

Alison Jukes, regional sales manager for the team, said: "We put in hours of hard work and we are honoured to be taking the award."

She added: "Winning is an amazing feeling."

Associate editor Graham Breeze said: "The Chronicle was only launched in March 2011. To open a completely new title in such difficult economic conditions was a brave decision by the company.

"Editorial and advertising departments have worked together in a unique manner to ensure the Chronicle's success and we are overwhelmed to have been recognized as the team of the year."

All the winners from both the Chronicle and sister papers were delighted to be in the spotlight.

Recycling collections changed by council

NEW recycling collections will begin in towns and villages in the Welshpool area next week.

Powys County Council's collections have been changed to reduce waste and boost the county's recycling rate to meet strict Welsh Assembly targets.

The changes have already been rolled out in the south of the county, and the Welshpool area is set for the collections from next Monday.

Steve Holdaway, head of local and environmental services at the council, said: "Northern areas of Powys will begin benefitting from improved waste and recycling collections from next week.

"Deliveries of recycling containers, food caddies and wheeled bins have been taking place and all households within the affected areas should now have a complete set.

"Residents who already use the red and black box scheme have been given food waste and kitchen caddies and a wheeled bin for non-recyclable rubbish, while all other residents have also received blue, red and aqua recycling boxes."

The Waste Services team can answer queries on 0845 602 7035.

Thieves admit to a string of crimes after four-day spree

A PAIR of thieves from Oswestry stole hundreds of pounds worth of high-performance tyres and trailers as they went on a four-day crime spree across north Shropshire, a court has heard.

Gavin Humphreys, 30, of Welsh Walls, Oswestry, and Lee Rowbotham, 26, of Salop Road, Oswestry, pleaded guilty to a series of crimes at Shrewsbury Magistrates Court on Tuesday.

They had been arrested by police on Monday after being found hiding at a building site in Harmer Hill after being involved in a number of crimes since Friday.

by Chris Burn

Both men pleaded guilty to three separate offences, including the theft of high-performance tyres, worth hundreds of pounds, which were taken from a van in Park Hall Business Park in Oswestry and stealing two trailers in other incidents.

Humphreys also admitted three other crimes, including a further theft of two more high-performance tyres worth £300 and stealing a set of keys belonging to a homeowner at Old Woods, near Bomere Heath, on Monday.

He was also charged with two driving offences as he had recently completed a two-year ban for drink-driving and should have had learner plates on his car, meaning the car's insurance was not valid.

Humphreys admitted to stealing two high-performance tyres from a van owned by a man called Phillip Smout, who rents a unit at Park Hall Business Park – with his vehicle being targeted for the second time by the pair just one night later.

Prosecutor Kate Price said: "About 8pm on Saturday night, he left and there was no damage to the Astra van. The following day he was informed the van had been attacked. The front passenger window was smashed and the rear wheels stolen. He came back on Monday morning and the same vehicle had been attacked again."

She said the front wheels had been taken this time, along with a series of other items.

On Monday, Humphreys was disturbed at the stables of a property in Old Woods by homeowner Jane Yeomans after she heard an alarm sounding and spotted a silver car with a trailer parked close-by.

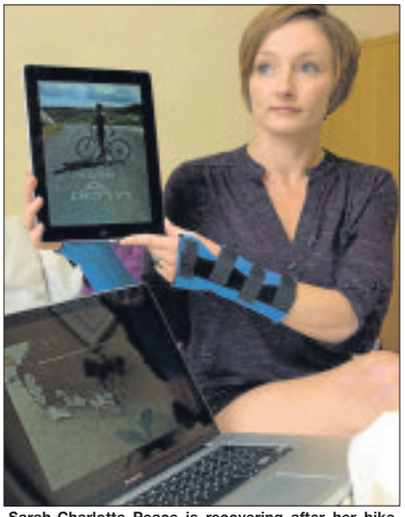
When she questioned him about what he was doing, he got in his car and drove off. The homeowner then saw the doors were open to her Land Rover and she found a set of keys missing that open the outbuildings.

Both Humphreys and Rowbotham also pleaded guilty to taking two trailers in the past week, one of which was worth £500.

A smaller trailer was also taken from the home of Jane Holmes, who lives in Harmer Hill. On Monday morning, she was told by a neighbour that he had seen her trailer attached to a silver car. On her way towards Shrewsbury, she actually spotted the car and the trailer on the side of the road, leading her to call the police.

The pair have now been retained in custody before they are sentenced at Shrewsbury Crown Court at a later date after magistrates decided the offences were too serious for them to rule on.

Cyclist's call on road safety



Sarah-Charlotte Peace is recovering after her bike accident. *Picture: Peter Flemmich.*

A CYCLIST still suffering from the effects of an accident seven weeks ago is campaigning for a government rethink on how the justice system operates when people are hurt on the roads.

Sarah-Charlotte Peace, who suffered serious injuries when a car ran over her legs in an accident in Oswestry, wants people to email their MP on how victims are treated by the criminal justice system.

She spent two weeks in hospital and still needs physiotherapy having suffered 'compartment syndrome' in her badly injured muscles and an open wound above her right ankle.

Mrs Peace, 40, from Oswestry, an experienced cyclist, has been left terrified of venturing out on her bike again and is so traumatised she can't even visit the Salop Road area of Oswestry.

"We have to ensure cyclists can feel safe on the road." People can use an email template to contact their MP at, www.britishcycling.org.uk.

Fire crews called out to bin blaze

A wheelie bin was set on fire in the Swan Lane area of Oswestry on Tuesday night.

The alarm was raised just before 11pm with firefighters from the town station bringing the blaze under control in just 10 minutes.

The incident was the latest in a serious of bin and rubbish fires in the Swan Lane and Castlefields areas.

Police, fire and council officials have been working together to try to bring a halt to the fires.

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Homes plans face refusal

THREE separate bids to build homes in Nesscliffe look set to be refused – due to the 'unresolved nature' of the policies governing future development of the village.

The proposals include plans to build two houses behind the Old Three Pigeons pub, a residential development near the Nesscliffe Hotel and a bid to build homes near The Gables, Nesscliffe.

All three applications are due to be discussed by councillors today at Shirehall in Shrewsbury. But all three have been recommended for refusal by council officers because of policy reasons.

by Iain St John

In planning reports on the applications, planning officers say the bids cannot be supported because the village has not yet been formally designated as a 'hub or cluster' under Shropshire Council's SAMDev Plan which will oversee how the county is developed up until 2026.

Under SAMDev rules a hub is a rural settlement – usually a large village – while a cluster is defined as a group of two or more rural settlements. Whether a settlement is defined as a hub or a cluster will influence what sort of development would be acceptable in the future. The reports say: "At this time the planning authority has three current applications for housing developments in Nesscliffe.

"Due to the unresolved nature of the policies for the future development of Nesscliffe beyond the parish council's stated wish to be a 'community hub', the officers cannot currently support the submitted schemes."

The reports added: "At this present time the village of Nesscliffe has not yet been formally designated as a hub or a cluster and is therefore open countryside."

The officers said because the SAMDev policy governing Nesscliffe had not been resolved the council would have to work to the prevailing planning policy.

The prevailing planning policy states that Nesscliffe is classed as open countryside and so the applications should be rejected.

Club seeking new chairman

OSWESTRY and District Stroke Club is on the search for a new chairman.

It comes after Julie Conde, who took on the role of chairman from her late father, decided to retire after 15 years in the role.

The club, which is situated at the Memorial Hall on Smithfield Street, offers self help and a social setting for people who have suffered a stroke.

Members are looking for someone from within the club to take the position. There are around 50 members with more joining on a regular basis. As well as offering its members support and a place to socialise, the club organises outings in the summer.

With 104,000 people living with strokes in the West Midlands alone and an average of 11,600 stroke victims per year in the area, Mrs Conde said clubs like the Oswestry offer much needed assistances.

To get in contact with the club ring (01691) 774057 or e-mail oswestrystroke@aol.com

Briony given bonfire honour

With Briony Johnson from Borderland Rotary Club in Oswestry are, back left to right, Michael Tomley, president, and Merrick Corfield, vice president. *Picture: Simon Williams.*

AN OLYMPIC torchbearer will be using her torch next month to light a community bonfire in Shropshire.

Briony Johnson, 22, a Special Olympics Great Britain badminton champion, will be leading the Borderland Rotary Club torch light procession in Oswestry on November 3.

The procession will make its way to the Treble Niners annual bonfire and fireworks display at Brogyntyn Park, next to the Fire Station in Mount Road.

Briony will not only be using her torch to light some of the parade torches but will also light the bonfire.

When the torch made its way across Britain before the London 2012 Olympic Games Briony was chosen as a torch bearer for Haverford West in south west Wales.

She won a gold in the doubles and a bronze in the singles at the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens in 2011.

Torches will be available from 6pm in Festival Square, Oswestry, for a minimum donation of £1. The parade starts at 6.30pm.

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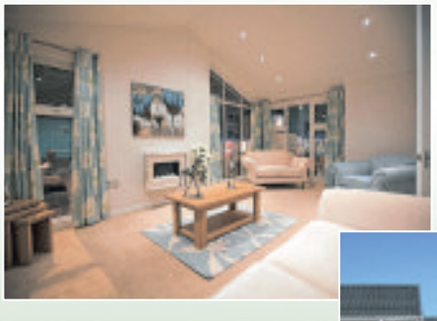

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Injured karate champ Luke expected to fly home soon

by Chrissy Symmons

Luke Jonhson

A TEENAGE karate champion from Whittington who suffered serious injuries after being knocked over by a car in Serbia could be coming home this week, his friends have revealed.

Luke Johnson has been in hospital after being hit by a vehicle in Novi Sad on October 8.

The 13-year-old had gone to the country with his twin brother, Aaron, to compete in the Karate World Championships alongside 1,500 other contestants.

Sam Williams, a close friend of the family, said Luke was getting better and was no longer in intensive care.

She said she had been told there was a possibility Luke could be back by the end of the week.

She said: "Luke is a lot better. He is out of intensive care. He doesn't need an operation on his eye and will be having another scan on Wednesday. If that is clear they are hoping he might be able to fly home at the end of the week.

"He has had something very small to eat and has been out of bed once. He is doing a lot better."

Luke was making his way back to the hotel on Monday last week when he was struck by a car.

Mrs Williams said she believed someone had been arrested in connection with the incident and added Luke's mother Ruth had flown out to Serbia to be at her son's bedside.

A collection started by Mrs Williams to pay for Luke's flight home has so far raised about £100. Donations are still being received at the Spar shop in Whittington.

Sarah Longville, headteacher at the Marches School, said: "We are delighted to hear that Luke's condition is improving and we very much look forward to welcoming him home shortly."

College plans new LHC trip

STAFF at Walford and North Shropshire College are planning a return trip to the home of the Large Hadron Collider in Switzerland after the success of a visit held earlier in the year.

The trip, which will take place shortly after the summer of 2013, will be for A-level physics students at the college.

Scientists claimed the Large Hadron Collider is allowing them to understand more about the beginning of the universe.

Paul Corday, head of faculty for arts and science at the college, said: "We are very fortunate to have secured a slot in their visitor schedule and I have no doubt the trip will be an excellent opportunity to widen horizons and learn more about particle physics."

Apart from going to CERN, students will also experience the Voltaire Museum and Institute and the Swiss Museum of Science History. Tutor Colin Taylor will be giving a presentation on this year's trip as part of the Oswestry Sixth Form open day tonight.

Imogen wins cash for park

Front left, Imogen Bickford with Shaun Burkey, Shropshire Council green space officer. Middle left to right are Julie Ross, Imogen's mum, with pupils Dom Laundy, Willow Taylor, and Olivia Rose. Back, left to right, are Councillor Vivien Byrne from Oswestry Rural Parish Council, Ray Parry of Ray Parry Playgrounds and Joyce Barrow, Shropshire councillor for Morda.

A 12-YEAR-old from Morda who campaigned to get exercise equipment for her village has been given thousands of pounds for the cause.

Imogen Bickford drew up a petition calling for the items after seeing similar ones installed in Cae Glas Park in Oswestry.

The Marches School student, from Parker Leighton estate, collected 116 signatures which she presented to Oswestry Rural Parish Council.

She said the idea of having the equipment was so young adults and the older generation could exercise in the outdoors.

The request was taken to St Oswald & Llanymynech Local Joint Committee which agreed to give £1,000. Shropshire Council also helped by giving £2,000.

Imogen said: "I am very pleased that we have got so much money to get all the equipment."

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NEWS in brief

Contest winners off to food festival

TEN lucky winners and their guests are off to this weekend's Llangollen Hamper event thanks to the Oswestry & Border Chronicle

The 10 won pairs of tickets in our competition which asked readers to name the river running through Llangollen.

Among those who got the answer of River Dee correct were the following who were first out of the hat: I.J. MacDonald, Oswestry; Rhian Richards, Llantysilio; Mrs Gwyneth Edge, Ruyton X1 Towns; Jenny Bell, Oswestry; Alan Crompton, Oswestry. Jackie Field, Oswestry; Mrs A Lucas, Llanymynech; Ms L Williams, Oswestry; Mrs D Pritchard, Oswestry; Mrs Olwen Perry, Oswestry.

Group plans trip to Christmas fair

A VILLAGE history group in Shropshire has organised a trip to Worcester Christmas Fair.

The trip will take place on December 1 and costs £12 per person.

Ruyton XI Towns Local History Society needs a £5 deposit by November.

Call Stewart Ballantyne on (01939) 260237.

Autumn event

AN autumn fair will be held on Saturday at Viscount Bridgeman Court in Oswestry from 2pm. There will be a raffle.

Nurse dating ex-patient avoids being struck off

A NURSE who moved in with a depressed patient she had been treating for nearly three years has avoided being struck off.

Wendy Lellek, who began dating the man soon after he was discharged from a unit run by the South Staffordshire and Shropshire NHS Foundation Trust in Oswestry in July 2007, was handed a five-year caution order by a panel at the Nursing and Midwifery Council. The panel found that Lellek's actions amounted to misconduct and that her ability to practice had been impaired.

The senior nurse called the patient nearly 700 times on her work mobile phone as their relationship blossomed, the panel heard.

by Graham Breeze

The order was handed out to Lellek at a hearing last Friday. Chairman Maurice Cohen said: "The seriousness of your (Lellek's) misconduct requires a sanction in order to maintain public confidence in the profession and the NMC as a regulator.

"A caution order will be in the public domain and will serve to mark the panel's disapproval of your misconduct.

"Such an order sends a message to the public, the profession and to you, that your action in failing to maintain appropriate professional boundaries was unacceptable and must not be repeated.

"The panel noted that in this case, it is in the public interest that service users are not denied access to an experienced caring and otherwise competent nurse,"

Lellek, a senior mental health nurse with North Shropshire Community Mental Health Team, began treating Mr A on September 19, 2004 at the unit in Salop Road after he tried to self-harm. Her personal relationship with him only began after he was discharged from her care in July 2007.

The pair started living to together in February the following year. They remain together to this day. Lellek accepted she had broken professional boundaries.

The effect of the sanction is that for five years Lellek's name will appear on the NMC register showing that she is the subject to a caution order.

Bid to improve sports facility

BOSSES at a Shropshire college have applied for permission to further develop new sports facilities on its campus.

A multi-use games area (Muga) at the Oswestry campus of Walford and North Shropshire College was opened earlier this year. College bosses have now applied for permission for eight-metre high floodlights to be installed at the games area to allow it to be used until 10pm most nights.

They are also looking to build a 14-space car park and perimeter fencing around the college's grass training pitch.

A design and access statement submitted in support of the bid said: "The provision of floodlights to the existing Muga is to allow a greater intensity of use thereby stimulating higher levels of sport and physical activity, particularly for those who currently have limited opportunities to play and enjoy sport due to the amount of use in which the existing facilities are needed for elite and performance sport."

Spotlight goes on environment

Simon Fletcher helped put together a book called 'We're All In This Together.' *Picture: Peter Flemmich.*

A PUBLISHER near Oswestry has collated a new poetry book about the environment.

We're All in This Together has been created by Pant publisher Offa's Press.

Editors of the book, Jane Seaborne and Nick Pearson, toured the West Midlands holding poetry workshops to find authors to help fill its pages. They had about 400 entries which had to be whittled down for this book which has 60 pages.

It was launched in Oswestry Library on October Wednesday. Simon Fletcher is Offa's Press manager and he also has his work featured in the book.

He said: "This is the first anthology of environmental poetry from the West Midlands and features a number of Shropshire poets. We are delighted with the outcome and feel sure poetry-lovers are in for a treat."

The book features poets including Dave Reeves, Brenda Read-Brown, Chris Kinsey and Jeff Phelps.

For details e-mail Mr Fletcher on *simon fletcher58@gmail.com*

Number of charity shops is defended

CHARITY shops in Oswestry attract visitors to the town, a councillor claims.

Consultants from 360 Tourism Consulting were asked to put together The Oswestry Tourism Action Plan with the aim of strengthening the multi-million pound tourism industry in the area and help bring an economic boost over the next five years.

The plan listed strengths and weaknesses of the town. It said one weakness was 'the high number of charity shops which can be off-putting to some markets though not all'.

But town councillors say charity shops act as a service to people.

Councillor Heather Bickerton said: "We have people who come to the town to visit the charity shops.

"If you watch antiques shows on television, the number of people who go to charity shops to find antiques is unbelievable."

Councillor Betty Gull said other towns had just as many, if not more, charity shops.

"I have heard it said in Oswestry there are so many charity shops. They provide a service and therefore I don't think one should say necessarily they are a bad thing. I wouldn't want too many. I think Oswestry has a very good choice of shops."

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MP wants evidence of need for bypass

CAMPAIGNERS desperate to see a bypass built around villages on the Shropshire border are calling for more evidence which they can present to their MP.

Members of Llanymynech and Pant Bypass Action Group recently spoke with north Shropshire's MP Owen Paterson to discuss their campaign.

The group wants a bypass built to help reduce the number of lorries and vehicles using the A483, which runs through the two villages.

Mike Catt, chairman of the Action group, said Mr Paterson asked for more evidence from residents in the area including examples of noise problems, speeding traffic and pollution to help him when he raises the issue in Westminster.

Mr Catt said: "I asked him to report on any progress that has been made. He returns to Westminster next week and he said he will mention it to the powers that be. But he has reiterated that we need to evidence of why we need a bypass.

"Can I please ask people to report anything that they feel evidences our need for a bypass. This includes noise, speeding traffic, cars parked on pavements, pollution, volume of traffic."

Anyone who wishes to send evidence of problems should email accidentsandincidents@hotmail.co.uk.

Professional touch will give bonfire event extra sparkle

THERE will be even more sparkle on bonfire night in Oswestry after extra professional fireworks were bought for a community event.

The Oswestry annual bonfire and fireworks display will take place on November 3 at 7pm at Brogyntyn Park and is expected to be bigger and better than before, because firefighters helping at the event have had special training which allows them to set off better fireworks.

Tim Davidson, from Oswestry's fire station, said: "It will be better than before. The fireworks will be more professional and we are going to try to choreograph it to music as well.

"We are looking forward to the night. We get a lot of people and it will be really good."

by Graham Breeze

The event, which is now in its second decade, is organised by the town's Treble Niners group and Oswestry Town Council.

Officials promise it will be 'the most spectacular display in memory'.

Mike Wilkinson, leader of the Treble Niners, said: "The atmosphere is always most enjoyable and by bringing the community together we help fundraise for our local good causes and those less fortunate than ourselves."

Over the years the bonfire night has raised more than £50,000 for good causes.

Town mayor Councillor Martin Bennett said: "The town council has been proud to be a partner of the Treble Niners. Mike Wilkinson and the personnel of Oswestry Fire Station and their families and friends work so hard to provide the local community with such an enjoyable evening.

"We are most grateful to them for the fire and rescue service that they provide and also for extras such as this."

This year Oswestry Borderland Rotary Club and the firefighters have teamed up to arrange a lantern parade starting at Festival Square at 6.30pm.

The Treble Niners are also running a competition for the best guy for the bonfire. The winner will get £100. Guys need to be taken to the fire station before 3pm on November 3. Anyone with wood or pallets to donate for the fire should call Tim Davidson on 07792 156245.

MP backs EU quit threat calls

NEW Environment Secretary Owen Paterson has thrown his weight behind calls for Britain to threaten to quit the European Union unless vital powers are transferred back to Westminster from Brussels.

The North Shropshire Tory MP is one of eight Cabinet ministers prepared to make the threat to reduce the EU's grip on this country's laws.

Education Secretary Michael Gove says he thinks the UK should be prepared to leave the EU altogether unless Britain is allowed to renegotiate its relationship.

Mr Paterson said: "I totally agree with Mr Gove's position. I'm doing a review of agriculture in our department and there will be a negotiation." He added that egg producers in north Shropshire had invested £25 million in making cages compliant with EU regulations and 'they knew perfectly well that a significant number of their competitors across the continent were going to be illegal'.

Pub fete nets £868 for RAFA

A BATTLE of Britain garden fete was held at The Three Pigeons in Nesscliffe recently, to raise funds for the Royal Air Force Association Wings Appeal. A total of £868 was raised. With some of the funds raised was RAFA treasurer Dennis Severs.

NEWS in brief

Reading prizes for youngsters

ELLESMERE Rotary Club has presented an annual reading prize to pupils in the town.

The club gave prizes to children at the Lakelands School, who have made a significant contribution to the development of reading in the lower school over the past year.

This year the prize was jointly awarded to Megan Heeley and Emma Jones.

The club's president Frank Brooke also presented a reading progress prize to Rebecca Sumner.

For information about Ellesmere Rotary Club and its activities call Geoff Evans on (01691) 690799.

Team-building fun on school outing

ALMOST 100 pupils and staff from the Marches Secondary School in Oswestry headed to North Wales for a team-building weekend.

The 80 year seven pupils and 11 members of staff travelled to the Colomendy Centre, near Mold, for multi-activity challenges to allow students to mix and initiate new friendships.

Arts group talk

THE work of an arts group was outlined at a meeting of Llanfyllin Town Council last night, Wednesday. Representatives from Arts Connection spoke at Llanfyllin Public Institute.

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Hospital action over plaque is worthy of praise

BOSSES AT Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital take a bow.

Your decision to pull down the plaque bearing the name of the late DJ Jimmy Savile from the hospital is commendable.

Savile helped lay the foundation stone for the Midland Centre for Spinal Injuries back in 1999 and the plaque went up to honour the event. Now 13 years later he stands accused by over 120 people of sexual abuse against children.

Now the NHS Foundation Trust Hospital in Gobowen has followed the actions of many others in distancing themselves from Savile.

Savile is not alive to defend his name but when his own family agree to remove his gravestone from Scarborough cemetery you just know too many people have been covering up for his disgusting activities.

You know this scandal is going to take a long time to go away and a lot of highly ranked suits at the BBC won't be sleeping.

BREEZE ABOUT TOWN
with Graham Breeze

As more and more evidence comes to light it is clear that Savile thought himself above reproach.

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THERE was no carnival in Welshpool this summer due to a clash with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations and now the event's future has been thrown into doubt.

Carnival organisers have appealed for more helpers to come forward to ensure the event goes ahead in 2013 and it seems that unless more volunteers can be found the future isn't looking too good.

What a shame it would be if the town was to lose this historic celebration, which has brought so much joy over the years.

As a youngster I well remember the carnival days of old, together with memorable confetti battles, and later, was proud to help judge the carnival queen competition.

All Welshpool people will have their own carnival memories so let's hope more people come forward to help the dedicated people who have kept the event running for so long.

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LAST week I was privileged to be given a complete tour of Manchester United's Old Trafford stadium. Though far from being a United fan it was impossible not to be impressed by the history of this club.

But I had not bargained for the shock I was to receive when viewing the club's museum which chronicles the tragic Munich air disaster that wiped out so many of Sir Matt Busby's remarkable side.

My first ever recollection of seeing a newspaper dates back to February 7, 1958 and as a seven year old being horrified to see my father reading a copy of the Daily Express with the Munich story splashed across front and back pages.

My memory of that day has never dimmed, so to see those very pages framed and on display inside the famous stadium was something I had not bargained for.

That moment back in 1958 probably shaped a large part of the rest of my life as it sparked an interest in newspapers that still burns strongly to this very day.

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THAT night I dined alongside United legends Dennis Irwin and Gary Pallister and couldn't help thinking how much many of today's sportsmen could learn from the pair.

Both were a pleasure to meet and a shining example to today's footballers who lead such different millionaire lifestyles and have very little time for the man in the street.

Celebrations as Noreen marks her 109th birthday

by Iain St John

SHE'S seen two world wars, five monarchs, the nuclear age and the digital revolution and now at 109 Noreen Lloyd is one of the oldest people in Britain.

Relatives of Miss Lloyd, who still lives in her own home in Llangynog, near Oswestry, discovered the fact while they were doing some research ahead of the great great aunt's birthday celebrations.

Her niece Susan Gaisford-St Lawrence said her aunt may celebrate by having a glass of champagne – but she actually prefers whisky.

Mrs Gaisford-St Lawrence said Miss Lloyd, who had a twin sister Iris, had had a 'very colourful' life.

Miss Lloyd was born near Mold in North Wales and lived there with her sister, her mother and a governess.

Her father died when she was only 12 and she developed a keen interest in farming.

Remarkable

She stopped farming to join the Wrens during the Second World War and afterwards bought a farm in Newbury in Berkshire where she began breeding Dexter cattle.

Miss Lloyd, who never married, worked well into her 60s before retiring to the Shropshire area.

Mrs Gaisford-St Lawrence said: "She is quite a remarkable woman and has done all sorts.

"She was a leading farmer and well known for breeding Dexter cows. She joined the Wrens and she is still going strong at the age of 109.

"In fact I did a bit of research and found she is the second oldest woman in Wales.

"There is a lady in South Wales who is three months older. I think she was quite pleased to hear she was among the oldest in Wales.

Noreen serving a as third officer in the Wrens in 1941.

"She still lives at home and is supported by her two carers.

"We have worked out she had 15 great-great nephews and nieces and goodness knows how many other relatives.

"She still keeps well although at the age of 109 she is obviously taking things a little bit easier now."

A birthday celebratory lunch was due to be held today.

Noreen Lloyd, from Llangynog, marks her 109th birthday.

She said: "I think she is looking forward to it. We will be joined by my sister and brother and her two carers.

"We might have a little bit of champagne to celebrate the occasion but my aunt actually prefers whisky."

She added: "She has a little drop of whisky each night. She says it is very good for you."

In 1903, the year she was born, Orville Wright made the first ever successful petrol engine flight and the first ever Tour de France was held, won by Maurice Garin.

The first teddy bear was introduced in the United States and the first ever stock vehicle race was held at the Milwaukee Mile in the USA.

In 1944, she was one of 75,000 members of the Wrens – the Women's Royal Naval Service – at the height of World War Two.

Noreen, left, and her twin sister Iris with their mother.

Noreen with her father and Iris.

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Although you may not have any interest in the property you live in, it is still your family home and you can apply to the Court under the Family Law Act for an Occupation Order, which could remove your partner from the property for up to 6 months to give you sufficient time to find alternative accommodation.

Your partner will normally be prevented from going within 100m of the property. If they breach either the non molestation order or occupation order you can call the police as the Order automatically has a power of arrest attached to it.

When deciding whether to grant the order the Court will take into account all circumstances including; housing needs and resources of both parties and any child, financial resources of the parties, the likely effect of any order or decision by the court not to make an order, the health, safety or well being of the parties and any relevant child; and the conduct of the parties.

You may have created an interest in the property in a number of ways and you could be entitled to a share in the property. A Solicitor would be able to discuss this more fully.

Further information relating to this question is available from Alison Monaghan, a Senior Solicitor with GHP Legal. For information relating to any other legal matter please call GHP Legal on 01691 659194, visit www.ghplegal.co.uk or attend one of our FREE legal diagnostic clinics every Wednesday 12-3pm (no appointment necessary).

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Future of UK could be blown off course

IT COMES as no surprise to informed and enlightened folk that the UK power supply will be in jeopardy within three years time with the pending closure of fossil-fuelled power stations – these closures being compounded by the myopic and industrialising march of the notorious wind farm.

Every power engineer will tell you that wind generation cannot replace conventional generation.

Indeed, common sense will tell you the variable nature of the wind is not conducive to security of our power supply – are we begging for brownouts and blackouts?

So why are they trying to impose wind generation at Mynydd y Gair, north of Swansea? Everyone should be writing to Swansea City Council Planning Department to denounce this scandal, especially now in the light of the new 2000MW CCGT power station at Pembroke, which has the capacity to satisfy all of the power needs for Wales . . . madness does not even come into it.

DAVE HASKELL
Boncath, Pembs

Stores need an incentive

IN addition to the lowering of business rates for businesses operating in town centre shops, the authorities need to impose higher business rates for out-of-town shopping malls and retail parks.

This would give retailers the maximum financial incentive to move back into our town centres which, in turn, would bring back the shoppers and make town centres the hives of commerce they once were.

We have to give the retailers some gain from operating in our town centres as opposed to basing their business in out-of-town retail parks.

J MCCARTHY
Oswestry

Killing badgers

IT is very wrong of us to kill our badgers. With no proof that the badger spreads the disease TB, vaccination is the only way to go. The farmers are too powerful and have way too much say.

GORDON SHAW
by e-mail

Plea to London Marathon runners

HAVE any of your readers been lucky enough to secure a place in the 2013 London Marathon through the public ballot? Or would they like one of our guaranteed charity places?

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SARAH HIMELFIELD,
Events Fundraiser,
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HOLE lot of trouble. . . A £100,000 blaze gutted part of Oswestry College of Education on June 12, 1975, disrupting examinations. No-one was hurt but a caretaker singed his arms trying to rescue papers from the intense heat. Nineteen firemen fought the fire, which took 40 minutes to control.

Minister's comment just made no sense

I WAS listening to a government spokeswoman on the TV. She was saying that the billion-plus offered by the winning bidder (and now lost again) on the West Coast Mainline franchise offered the best return for the taxpayer.

Where does she think this money comes from? Does she not realise that it comes directly out of the taxpayers' pocket. It is included in the ticket prices that are, on average, 50 per cent higher than the rest of Europe.

The way she was talking showed she did not have the foggiest idea what she was talking about.

Completely out of touch with the reality of the situation. She seemed to think the money was a gift from the train operators and had no bearing on the cost of the tickets paid for by the taxpayers she thought were getting a good deal.

Maybe she thinks the likes of Virgin and First Group PLC have a printing press rolling out the billions to pay the stealth tax that the Government is demanding.

A good deal for the taxpayer? Yeah right.

Her naivety would be endearingly funny if it was not so frighteningly worrying.

ALWYN COX
Oswestry

Residents must be so happy with their clerk

THE job of Ludlow Town Clerk is reported as worth £40,000 per year.

His or her responsibilities will be to 11,000 people of that famous market town.

Our home help manager of a small team is paid by the elderly tenants of 60 homes and our landlord sets her salary at £40,000.

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The residents of Ludlow must be happy.

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NICK HARTLAND
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Complaint to police about scooter user

I WOULD like to thank whoever contacted the police with regards to my sister Jen having the audacity to ride her mobility scooter on the road.

The police called at my house regarding a complaint about Jen being on the wrong side. She rides this side as we felt this was safer to meet oncoming traffic, and has done for years. Whoever phoned the police please come and visit Jen and me, so we can explain to you that Jen was born with cerebral palsy. Now Jen comes to visit her family at weekends from the care home she lives in.

She has a mobility scooter and goes for about half an hour's ride around the block for some fresh air and a change of scenery. She also travels all over the country on her own.

ELINOR LLOYD
Montgomery

Appalled by poor control on patients

VIEWING a recent Panorama programme on the NHS, I was appalled with the total lack of control as to the entitlement of the person applying for treatment.

It would appear that the citizens of the UK are being taxed in order to fund the medical care for anyone who travels to this country from any part of the world.

It also showed that there were persons making huge profits from providing fake identities in order to provide non-entitled persons with expensive treatments.

I am led to believe that this lack of control costs the citizens of the UK millions.

What is so difficult about determining the legitimacy of a patient?

DAVID SURRY,
Middletown,
Powys

Minister's abortion bombshell

THE new Health Secretary, Jeremy Hunt, dropped a bombshell when he said the limit for abortion should be halved to 12 weeks.

Compared to other countries we are way out of step.

Ten to 12 weeks is the limit in 16 European countries. Here abortion seems to be regarded as a form of contraception in spite of all the other ways of avoiding pregnancy.

Parents watching scans at 16 weeks have seen their baby smiling, scratching and sucking its thumb. Some babies born at 22 to 24 weeks have survived.

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NEWS in brief

Remembrance plans for town

WELSHPOOL Town Council will hold a Remembrance Parade on November 11.

Representatives from the armed forces, including veterans, cadets, Royal British Legion Standard Bearers, voluntary and youth organisations together with councillors marching led by Newtown Youth Band will be involved.

It will meet in Park Lane, off High Street, at 10.20am to move off at 10.30am to be at St Mary's Parish Church for 11am.

Following the church service, there will be the laying of wreaths.

Helpers spruce up town school

A WELSHPOOL school held its second clean-up day on Sunday.

Maesydre School invited the town to show its support as it continues on the road to recovery after being placed in special measures following an Estyn inspectors' report.

The school organised a second 'Love Your School' day on Sunday when staff, parents and friends turned out to help with the tidy-up.

Balloon landing

POTTERS Yard in Welshpool had an unexpected visitor on Saturday morning when an air balloon made a forced landing. A balloon came to ground outside the Potters offices.

Hall repairs nearing end

WORK to repair Welshpool Town Hall will now be completed before then end of November, ahead of the revised schedule after the cost more than doubled due to 'unforeseen' problems.

Scaffolding was put up around the town hall, in Broad Street, in July and was due to be completed by early September, but extra repairs and the realigning of the clock tower mean work has been delayed.

Some of the scaffolding has been taken down in Hall Street, but other work continues as the project reaches a £200,000 cost, despite the original estimate of £85,000.

by Graham Breeze

"The Town Hall external works to the stonework, windows, clock, weather vane and decorations are proceeding slightly ahead of the revised programme," said town clerk Robert Robinson.

"The scaffolding in Hall Street has almost all gone now and the scaffolding around the Severn Hospice is coming down by the end of the week.

"The remaining scaffolding should commence coming down during the later part of the second week in November with all scaffolding removed by the end of November. That is the plan subject to weather conditions and all going well."

Earlier this month, the council admitted the cost of the work on the Grade-II listed hall, which opened in 1874, had risen sharply, but said the nature of the building meant it was unavoidable.

The town hall clock is also being repaired as part of the project after it ground to a halt when pigeon droppings affected the mechanism. The birds had been getting into the clock tower for 40 years.

Councillor John Corfield, chairman of the council services and property committee, said: "It's such an old building that until you start work you don't know what you are going to find. It's a stark choice. We either abandon the building or carry out the repairs."

Council hails town tourism

WELSHPOOL Town Council has celebrated three years since taking charge of the town's Tourist Centre by hailing it as a 'tremendous transformation'.

The ailing centre was threatened with closure under Powys County Council cuts before the town council stepped in, and says it has made it more profitable and increased the range of services provided.

Councillor John Morgan said: "It is a jewel in the crown of the town council to be able to offer such a good centre which brings so much to the town."

Councillor John Corfield, chairman of the council services committee, added: "The Tourist Information Centre is an important part of the town and its tourism base, we are proud to be a part of that."

As well as a full tourist information service, the centre offers National Express tickets, Owens Coach Tours, Sabrina and Tanat Valley tours, refreshments, local information, fishing licences and more.

Harvest help for Guatemala

MEMBERS of the New Street Church, in Welshpool, recently held their harvest festival. They raised more than £146 for schools and hospitals in Guatemala. With some harvest produce are Jill Deans and Gwyneth Jones. *Picture: Peter Flemmich.*

Sheep are injured in suspected dog attack

MORE than 30 pedigree sheep were injured following a suspected dog attack on farmland near Welshpool.

At least six of the Southdown herd belonging to the Parker family were left with facial injuries, and another three are missing after the incident near Crew Green.

Farmers believe a dog went on the rampage in fields at Bausley on the Breidden Hills some time on Monday afternoon.

Miriam Parker, who keeps sheep and horses, found the injured sheep at about 5pm.

She said many of the attacked sheep suffered 'superficial' injuries and needed to be stitched up by a vet afterwards.

She said: "A dog had attacked a neighbour's sheep earlier in the day and we went up to the fields at 5pm to check ours, and a dog had gone through them.

"Out of 34 sheep we've got six with facial wounds and there's three missing at the moment.

"The dog has mainly gone for their faces so it's probably not a big dog, but other sheep were killed or injured earlier on.People should be on the lookout."

She appealed for anyone with information about the incident to call police.

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Town gets into spirit of the festive season

Coffee time at church

A COFFEE morning is held at the Methodist Church in Welshpool every Monday to help raise funds for the upkeep of the building. From left are Mabel Evans, Edith Thomas and Les Hughes.

by Graham Breeze

WELSHPOOL is getting into the festive spirit after plans for this year's Christmas lights event were revealed.

Welshpool Town Council said it hoped hundreds of people would flock to the town on November 30 for the switching on of the town lights – which will be put up in the coming weeks.

A fancy dress competition and the chance to meet Father Christmas will be on offer before Olympic torchbearer Adele Nicholl, of Welshpool High School, turns on the lights.

A spokesman for the council said: "Welshpool Town Council would like to invite you to join the Christmas lights parade and, if you would like to get into the Christmas spirit by dressing in fancy dress.

"The fancy dress is open to all ages and the judging will be across three categories: infants – up to the age of seven; juniors – seven to 11 years; and seniors 12 years to adult.

"Just come along to the Tourist Information Centre, by Church Street car park, by 6.30pm where the best dressed will then be judged and small cash prizes awarded."

Starting from the information centre, the parade will be led this year by The Newtown Youth Band and will move off at 6.45pm to make its way to the Town Hall in time for Adele to switch the lights on at 7pm.

On arrival at the town hall, Father Christmas will enjoy a short walkabout before retiring to his comfy chair in the Market Village to meet the youngsters from 7.15pm.

The spokesman added: "The Corn Exchange will be open for teas, coffee and mince pies as well as the Mayor's charity raffle and community table top sale."

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Show to feature 15 model railways

A MID Wales Model Railway Show will be held at Welshpool Town Hall later this month.

The show will be held at the hall in Broad Street, on October 27 from 10.30am to 4.30pm.

There will be more than 15 model railway layouts and demonstrations, while traders will be there to support the show selling new and second hand model railway items, tools, lights, books and other transport related items.

Martin Rich, organiser, said: "We have the use of the Corn Exchange downstairs and the Assembly Room upstairs which means that there will be more room to circulate and admire the models.

"There will be a good variety of exhibits from the small N Gauge to the larger O Gauge, including some vintage Hornby and Chad Valley clockwork trains."

Admission is £3 adults, £2 concessions and accompanied children free.

History meeting

LLANFAIR Caereinion Historical Society will hold its annual meeting on October 24 at the Institute in Bridge Street at 7.30pm, followed by an illustrated lecture. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served.

Feud sparked traveller fight

A FEUD within different sections of a travelling family led to a fight in Welshpool during which a man was bitten on the face, a court heard.

A father and his two sons, from Welshpool, all admitted affray – but all escaped immediate prison sentences at Mold Crown Court, being told by a judge they'd done their traditions a 'great disservice'.

Judge Niclas Parry said the defendants came from a 'fine tradition, made up of fine people', but their actions had done them a great disservice.

David McDonald senior, 48, David McDonald junior, 22, and Jason McDonald, 20, from Chestnut View were involved in a disturbance outside the town's Tesco store in October last year.

by Andrew Morris

Police were told that the defendants had driven off to a house in Gallowstree Rise, in Welshpool, where other members of the family lived.

Officers arrived to see a fight going on and David McDonald junior had bitten William Luke Owen on the face. Mr John Hedgecoe, prosecuting, said that the occupants heard a disturbance outside.

Mr Owen was in the shower, but put his shorts on and ran outside, and he ended up in a fight where he was bitten to the face and suffered a 3cm cut.

McDonald senior admitted instigating the affray but said he did not cause any injuries. He received a 36 week prison sentence suspended for 18 months and 300 hours unpaid work.

McDonald junior, who admitted punching and biting Mr Owen received a 12-month sentence suspended for 18 months, 300 hours work and a tagged 6.30pm to 6am curfew, until January 10.

Jason McDonald, who admitted shouting encouragement, received 24 weeks, suspended for 18 months and 180 hours of unpaid work.

Defence barristers Sion ap Mihangel and Jonathan Austin said McDonald senior was the victim of another incident.

'Get involved' plea from MP

MONTGOMERYSHIRE MP Glyn Davies is encouraging Welshpool area students to take part in Parliament Week 2012, an annual national event to build greater awareness of and engagement with parliamentary democracy in the UK.

Parliament Week is organised by the House of Commons and House of Lords and takes place between November 19 and 25.

Mr Davies said he was writing to every school in the area, encouraging students to take part by taking part in an event or watching the live screening of the UK Youth Parliament from the House of Commons on November 23.

He said: "I am pleased to support this exciting initiative exploring how democracy affects citizens and how they can participate in it.

"I often meet people in Montgomeryshire who are keen to find out more about Parliament and politics. I would urge everyone to visit the Parliament Week website."

Raising funds for Rotary

A COFFEE morning was held at Church House in Welshpool recently to raise funds for various Rotary charities. Dennis Duggan and Olwen John are seen raising funds with a raffle. *Picture: Peter Flemmich.*

Torch to be put on display at town shop

HUNDREDS of sport enthusiasts from Mid Wales will get the chance to see the Paralympic torch when it goes on show in Welshpool.

The torch will be on show at Sainsbury's in Jehu Road today, Thursday between 3.30pm and 5.30pm.

Visitors will be able to hold the torch and also get their photograph taken with it.

The torch is one of the 620 used in the relay which took place from Stoke Mandeville in Aylesbury to the Olympic Park in London on August 28 and 29.

Adrian Seekins, Sainsbury's Welshpool store manager, said he was delighted to welcome the torch to the town.

He said: "Following the success of the London 2012 Paralympic torch relay, customers in Welshpool will get the chance to see the torch as it goes on a tour of the UK.

"The torch is one of the 620 used in the 24 hour marathon and will be on show in the store in Welshpool for two hours."

He added: "We have really enjoyed playing out part in raising awareness of the London 2012 Paralympic Games which took place from August 29 to September 9 and some staff from the store even went down to the Olympic Stadium to watch.

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Council may use SmartWater at its sites to boost security

SECURITY could be stepped up at a number of council-owned buildings in a bid to deter thieves from targeting them.

Members of Oswestry Town Council are considering using SmartWater to protect sites such as Powis Market Hall, the town's cemetery and Oswestry Heritage Centre.

If councillors agree to use SmartWater it could also be used to help protect historical documents housed in the Guildhall on Bailey Head, which is also home to the town's museum.

It comes after councillors were given a presentation by Steve Lloyd of Telford-based SmartWater Technology, who said the technology had a very high conviction rate.

SmartWater is a liquid that sticks to items and contains data which can be traced back to thieves when shone under UV light.

Councillor Martin Bennett, mayor of Oswestry, said the market hall, cemetery and heritage centre could be possible places to put SmartWater.

He said: "The additional security might be worth it. "There are some items where it is not just the value of them, it is the inconvenience it causes to replace items."

Councillor Paul Milner said: "I think it is a good idea. I think it is worthwhile."

Councillors were also told they could be in line for a discount if they ask for a full survey to be carried out on all of the authority's buildings and sites.

SmartWater has been used heavily by West Mercia Police in a bid to trace scrap metal thieves and people have also been encouraged to use it in their own homes.

A decision on whether to use SmartWater in Oswestry is expected to be made by councillors at a future meeting.

Focus on mental health

WORLD Mental Health Day was held last week to raise the awareness of mental health issues. The theme this year is Depression A Global Crisis. Oswestry Library has a display on issues surrounding mental health, with plenty of literature for visitors to take away. With the display was team librarian Derek Williams.

by Chrissy Symmons

Drama group to stage whodunnit

A CLASSIC whodunnit will be staged in a village on the Shropshire/Welsh border.

Llanymynech Amateur Dramatic Society's latest production will be Murder at Play.

It is about a play within a play and the victim is very unpleasant so everyone has a motive.

It will be performed at Llanymynech Village Hall, from November 21-24 at 7.45pm.

Tickets costs £6 or £5 for concessions from the village hall on (01691) 839147 or Mile End Tourist Information Centre or email tickets@lads-online.co.uk

Plan for school building to stay 10 more years

A PLANNING application has been lodged to allow a Shropshire school to use a demountable building, which was built on a temporary basis a decade ago, for a further 10 years.

The building was installed at Woodside Primary School in Oswestry in 2002 to accommodate a Sure Start family centre.

Shropshire Council has now applied for the temporary planning permission to be renewed for a further 10 years.

A report in support of the bid said: "In September 2002, planning permission was granted for the installation of new demountable accommodation on the western side of the school site to form a Sure Start Child and Family Centre.

"In June 2005 and June 2006, further extensions to this accommodation were permitted to provide an additional 11 bays and one bay respectively.

"The use of a demountable construction provides flexible and economically viable accommodation for the school and family centre/nursery, and the premises have been maintained to a good standard."

It added: "The demountable accommodation is now used on a full-time basis as a range of accommodation for the school and family centre/nursery, and incorporates classrooms for Foundation Stages 1 (nursery) and 2 (reception), offices, staff accommodation, cloakrooms and toilets, and associated link corridors.

"With current nursery and school intake numbers expected to be maintained, it is considered vital that the buildings are retained for a further temporary period of ten years."

Shropshire Council planners hope to determine the bid by November 26.

Law firm in wills month initiative

AN Oswestry law firm is participating in Free Wills Month this month to support charities and to highlight how dying intestate can result in added difficulties for families.

Vicky Wilson, a senior solicitor in the Oswestry office of leading Shropshire and North Wales law firm GHP Legal, said: "Until October 31 members of the public over the age of 55 can contact our Wrexham and Oswestry offices to make an appointment for one of our solicitors to help draw up a basic simple will free of charge. Those taking up the offer are under no obligation to leave a gift to one of the Free Wills Month charities, but we hope many will see this as an opportunity to help their favourite cause.

"We also hope to raise awareness of the importance of having a will as there are still many misunderstandings about dying intestate. For example, everything does not necessarily pass automatically to your spouse; the laws vary depending on the deceased's family circumstances and the content of their estate.

"If you do not write a will your property will be divided between your spouse, if you have one, and other family members, in accordance with strict rules.

"Many people have quite complicated family lives these days, so it is essential to write a will if you want to ensure that your property goes to the people you want to have it."

Reward for councillor's Bloom work

A COMMUNITY stalwart on the Shropshire/Welsh border has been rewarded for her efforts in keeping her town attractive to visitors.

Chirk Town Councillor Jackie Allen has been given a discretionary award by Britain in Bloom judges as a thank-you for all her work in keeping the border town clean and tidy.

The judges said: "Jackie is the cornerstone of the Chirk community.

"Jackie makes Bloom fun for everyone and her quiet demeanour and very focused and clear mind have helped to propel Chirk to where it is today."

The town was this year's winner of the RHS Britain in Bloom Heritage Award.

Man trampled by herd of cows

A HERD of cows trampled over a man walking his dog across fields near Oswestry, leaving him needing hospital treatment for injuries to his face, chest and legs.

The 46-year-old man was walking his dog across the Castle Fields in Whittington when the cows charged at him.

Now locals have been warned to take extra care using the footpath after the incident at 9.15am last Friday.

A West Midlands Ambulance Service spokeswoman said: "The cows suddenly charged, trampling and kicking him before he managed to escape.

"Passers-by, including a woman jogging across the field, helped look after the man until an ambulance crew and a responder paramedic attended the scene."

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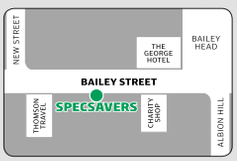

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New team's old

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THE RAVEN Inn at Welshpool is in new hands but there is a very familiar face at the helm.

Christine Turnbull and her husband Joe took on the tenancy of The Raven on October 1 and for Christine it's just like coming home as she previously worked behind the bar in Raven Square.

Now after 14 years working in ladies and menswear in the town she is back, hoping to restore The Raven to its former glory.

Along with 17 year old daughter Alex, Christine and Joe are welcoming guests to an opening night function on Saturday when the Heather Bebb Band and Billy Spencer will be providing the entertainment in the function room from 9pm.

Excited

"We want to put The Raven back where it should be as a really nice place to eat, drink and enjoy yourself and will be pleased to see old and new friends on Saturday," said Christine.

"I really enjoyed my time at The Raven and when the opportunity arose to come back I was really excited and couldn't resist.

"We want to rebuild The Raven's reputation as a friendly bar and great place to dine. The regulars are already returning and we'll be introducing new menus at the end of the month to attract more diners."

The Raven also boasts a spacious function room, complete with its own bar, which is ideal for weddings, parties, christenings and meetings. The room is available for private hire.

The Turnbulls are preparing for Christmas and are now taking bookings for office and company parties as well as for the more private occasion in the refurbished restaurant. A New Year's Eve function is also being planned.

Christine Turnbull, landlady of The Raven Inn, Welshpool.

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The bar area at the venue.

The dining area at the Raven.

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NEWS in brief

Jane appointed as Macmillan nurse

A MACMILLAN nurse has been appointed at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital to support people that are being treated for bone cancer.

Jane Evans is the new Macmillan Clinical Nurse Specialist and will be looking after people with musculo-skeletal cancer, such as sarcomas and bone tumours.

With a background in orthopaedics since qualifying as a nurse in 2002, she will be supporting people with cancer when they are first diagnosed and throughout their illness.

"When people are told they have cancer they often experience a wide range of emotions," she said.

"I am available to offer emotional and practical support to patients and their families."

Alert as builders damage gas main

EMERGENCY services were called after builders working on a driveway fractured a gas main in Oswestry.

One fire engine and six police cars were sent to Mount Road just before 12.30pm on Sunday.

Firemen isolated both the gas and electricity supply of a house whilst officers from West Mercia Police were on standby to evacuate nearby homes.

Within an hour fire crews had made the leak safe.

County police launching a crackdown on metal theft

POLICE in Shropshire have launched a crackdown on metal theft – as it was revealed thieves are now targeting post boxes in the county worth just a few pounds to sell them on as scrap.

West Mercia Police is backing a new UK-wide initiative urging scrap dealers to sign up to a scheme requiring anyone wanting to sell scrap metal to provide photographic identification.

As part of the new initiative police officers carried out spot checks on vehicles carrying scrap throughout the day last Thursday to ensure the cargo was genuine and that the drivers were properly licensed and insured.

by Graham Breeze

Sergeant Tim Lever, who has been coordinating the operation in Shropshire, said: "While the vast majority of scrap dealers are law-abiding, a lot of stolen metal does get sold on to those who turn a blind eye or openly accept such items.

"We want every scrap metal dealer in Shropshire to sign up and help us tackle a crime which can cause real misery to its victims.

"Often the theft of metal leaves its victims with other problems, such as leaking roofs, loss of electricity or, as following the theft of cable earlier this year from an MRI scanner at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, potential delays for patients receiving vital treatment.

"We have more than 20 scrap metal dealerships in Shropshire. Over three-quarters have signed up and I'm confident the remaining few will too."

But police said metal theft continued to be a problem across the country, with even items such as shopping trolleys stolen.

And the police revealed three Royal Mail post boxes had been stolen from the Oswestry and Ellesmere areas this week, apparently taken for the few pounds the thief could make selling them on as scrap.

Small mail boxes mounted on poles in Park Drive and Whittington Road, Oswestry and in Shellbrook Hill, Sodylt, were targeted overnight on October 8 and 9.

School designs on attendance

A COMPUTER screensaver design thought up by an Oswestry school pupil will soon be used across Shropshire to remind students of the importance of good attendance.

The animated design by Callum Williams from Oswestry's Marches School was chosen as the winner of a competition run by the learning and skills department at Shropshire Council to mark Attendance Week earlier this month.

Students were asked to focus their screensaver designs around promoting and encouraging excellent attendance and in total 200 entries were submitted from schools across the county.

Judges commented that a great deal of thought and deliberation went into choosing first place, with Callum's design, with the slogan Be Here, Get There, the winner.

Schools across the country have now been asked to use this screensaver wherever possible as it is a simple, but effective way to get this vital message across.

Sculpture revealed at centre

Guy Mason, aged nine, officially opens the sculpture.

A SCULPTURE has been created in the garden of the specialist counselling centre at the Hope House Children's Hospice near Oswestry.

The oak and glass piece was created with the help of three families who have had children at the hospice.

Mothers, fathers and siblings worked alongside artists from the Oswestry-based Project Group.

The centre opened 12 months ago to offer bereavement counselling not only to those whose children were visitors to Hope House, but also others who are struggling with the death of a loved one.

Victoria Lister and her family, from Whitchurch, helped make the glass insets for the sculpture.

Her daughter, Willow, who had a serious heart abnormality, died four years ago. She would have been seven today.

Sisters, Emily and Genevieve created animals to go into the glass. "It was such a wonderful thing to do and the members of the Project Group made us so welcome," Mrs Lister said.

Expo has plenty of advice to aid firms

HOW to remain successful in business despite the gloomy economic climate was spelt out at a major networking event in Oswestry.

Delegates from around the region attended Oswestry Business Expo at the Lion Quays Hotel, organised by Shropshire Chamber of Commerce last Thursday.

The day-long event showcased the range of businesses that are active across the county and gave business leaders tips in how to stay successful despite the current challenging conditions.

The Expo provided local businesses with the opportunity to promote their companies, as well as collaborate and network.

Richard Sheehan, managing director of Shropshire Chamber of Commerce, said: "The business expo in Oswestry was a resounding success which saw over 80 attendees at the breakfast networking meeting, and a further 43 companies exhibiting throughout the day.

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Poultry man shares tips with TV presenter Adam

Adam Henson from Countryfile, with Andy Cawthray from Chicken Street, right, and Grant Brereton, left, editor of Fancy Fowl.

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ONE of Britain's leading farming broadcasters has been filming in Shropshire – and picking up some tips in the process.

BBC Countryfile presenter Adam Henson, who runs his own farm in Gloucestershire, has been filming a new DVD called The Smallholder Series at Whittington, near Oswestry.

The 46-year-old presenter spent a day with smallholder Andy Cawthray to learn about his Chicken Street poultry business.

Father-of-three Mr Cawthray has built up an extensive collection of traditional and rare-breed poultry at his smallholding over the last 11 years.

Great

Mr Henson said: "I have enjoyed meeting people in Whittington. I had a lovely time.

"I am a farmer myself and I am learning from the people here and Andy is a great wealth of knowledge.

"I am not only doing filming for the small holders series but I am also absorbing knowledge. It is a good set up with poultry."

Carole Youngs, producer of the series, said: "We went to the poultry auction in Oswestry as well and filmed that. It was a really fantastic set up."

Mr Cawthray said: "It is very exciting to have been picked as a location for the filming of a DVD.

"It was a great pleasure to meet Adam. He knows his stuff and has been learning as well while he has been here.

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Now would be a good time to take a few precautions to make sure your house is in order. If there are jobs on your home that you've been meaning to get on with – or get someone in to deal with – then don't delay any further.

Make a visual check of your roof to make sure there are no slipped tiles. Check that your chimney pots aren't cracked and that the TV ariel is still firmly in place and not tilted at an angle.

Has leaf fall clogged your gutters? Blocked drain pipes and silted gutters can cause water to enter the roof space with consequent damage to ceiling and walls.

Make sure your outside tap is turned off from inside the house, too, and the pipe drained to avoid a burst if it freezes.

Make sure your damp proof course isn't bridged with debris or soil and trim any small trees or bushes that could break windows in a gale.

Check that your security lighting and alarms are in full working order and that the sensors are working properly.

Check your stop cock , which you will probably find it under your kitchen sink, in the cloakroom or under the stairs.

Eescape of water inside the home is the single biggest cause of insurance claims – not floods entering your home from outside!

If your hot water and bathroom taps are supplied from a roof tank, look in your airing cupboard or next to the tank in the roof for the shut off valves.

Check the insulation of the pipes and tank in your roof – a really cold snap could cause the tank to freeze. Get your central heating boiler serviced

Check plugs and sockets for cracks and damage. Have them replaced if necessary. Familiarise yourself with your fusebox too – make sure you have spare fuses to hand and that you know how to switch off the mains supply if necessary.

Make sure you are properly covered by insurers and any valuables or additions are included in your policy.

These are simple checks and don't take long – yet they'll save you a whole lot of trouble in the long run.

Know exactly where you can lay hands on a torch, a roll of insulation tape, spare fuses, radiator bleeding key, spare batteries, WD-40, screwdriver, craft knife and plasters in a hurry.

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NEWS in brief

Group hears talk on Tea Leaf Trust

THE work of the Tea Leaf Trust was outlined to members of an Oswestry rotary group at their latest meeting.

John Pare from the trust was the guest speaker at the Oswestry Borderland Club's meeting.

He gave a talk on the work of the trust in Sri Lanka and thanked the club for its financial support to help improve the lives of the tea pickers.

The Tea Leaf Trust was formed in January 2008 and is a UK registered charity created with the aim of improving the quality of life, reducing poverty and promoting ethnic cohesion in the tea-growing regions of Sri Lanka.

Borderland club meets on Wednesdays at 7.30pm at Sweeney Hall Hotel.

Christmas fair to be held at hall

OSWESTRY Rheumatology Association is holding a craft and Christmas fair at the Memorial Hall in Oswestry on Saturday.

The event runs between 10am and 3pm, and cards, books, handbags, candles and jewellery are for sale.

There will also be charity stalls selling a wide range of goods. Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

The association is a branch of the League of Friends at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

Call for action over boosting county's broadband speeds

COUNCILLORS have called for action after it was revealed superfast internet broadband connection would be unavailable to about 40 per cent of properties in Oswestry.

The councillors urged the public who do want the faster connection to contact Shropshire Council chiefs so the unitary authority can plot demand and win a share of Government cash put aside for internet improvements.

The call came after the councillors received a presentation from Ian Binks, BT's regional partnership director, who gave an update on the introduction of superfast fibre broadband in Oswestry.

by Graham Breeze

Mr Binks spoke to councillors and outlined the multi-million pound investment BT was making to improve connection speeds in the town.

The meeting heard that about 60 per cent of properties will be able to access the superfast connections under the BT roll-out programme.

Councillors were told the remaining 40 per cent would miss out because it would not be commercially viable for any company to carry out the work.

Town mayor Martin Bennett called for people in the town who were likely to miss out on the superfast broadband to make their voices heard.

He said: "Technically it is very complex and it depends on things such as which cabinet you are served by and your location.

"We may find that one resident can access the new speeds but their next door neighbour, because of how they have been set up, can't."

He urged residents who will miss out on the superfast broadband to contact Shropshire Council so the unitary authority could prove to government there was a high demand for the faster service.

Emma Tennant from BT said today the company had pledged to bring high speed broadband to two thirds of the country.

She said: "BT is investing £2.5 billion in the roll-out programme."

Plans ripening for Apple Day

APPLE images are springing up in shops, cafes and businesses around Oswestry ready for the town's first Apple Day.

People will be celebrating the fruit on October 20 with apple fairytales, apple pies and apple juice.

An apple-themed window display is also planned for the town and during the evening there will be a film screening by Oswestry company Kinokulture.

The event will run from 10am to 4pm as part of the normal market on Bailey Head and will be followed by the open air performance of the song Supermarket and Kinokulture's film screening on the market hall from 6.30pm.

On the day Cambrian Railway Orchard Project will be showcasing its work to start an apple orchard on land between the Cambrian Railway line and Gobowen Road.

Orchardist Tom Adams, who has been lending his expertise to the project, will hold an apple surgery on apple growing.

Treasured possessions valued

Jeremy Lamond, from Halls, is seen looking at some antiques owned by John and Hilary Ward. *Picture: Peter Flemmich.*

AN antiques and collectables valuation day was held on Saturday at The Willow Gallery in Oswestry.

It was a opportunity to have those treasured objects or curiosities valued by professional valuers.

The day was organised by The Rotary Club of Oswestry in association with Halls Valuers and Auctioneers. All proceeds went to rotary charities and good causes. The Willow Gallery will also be holding its Autumn Craft Fair on the weekend of the October 27 and 28.

The gallery will be brimming with stalls featuring locally crafted products including glass, jewellery, textiles, ceramics, art, demonstrations from local crafts people and much more.

Housing scheme benefits outlined

THE building of houses in a Shropshire village will help safeguard the long-term future of its last remaining pub, developers have told the county's planning authorities.

Applicant Stephen Jennings from the Talbot pub in Ruyton-XI-Towns has applied to build three houses on land which is currently partly used as the pub's outdoor seating area.

A separate application has also been submitted to Shropshire Council for the building of four guest rooms and associated car parking at the rear of the pub.

A statement lodged in support of the bid says the sale of the houses would fund the building of the new guest rooms, adding: "The Talbot Inn is the last remaining public house in Ruyton and is a significant community benefit.

"In order to secure the long-term future of the Talbot public house additional guest accommodation is required to provide an income stream.

"This application for residential dwellings will provide enabling funding to help finance the guest accommodation and secure the long term viability of the Talbot Inn."

Shropshire Council hopes to determine the application by November 29.

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Bespoke oak-framed home comes with 3-bed cottage

A substantial bespoke oak-framed detached house and a separate cottage which could be used for holiday letting or rental accommodation are being offered for sale jointly with a guide price of £650,000.

The two properties, at Treflach, near Oswestry can also be bought separately for £430,000 (Quercus House) and £230,000 (Summerfield).

Quercus House is an individual four-bedroom property which is arranged around an impressive living room with a vaulted cailing and exposed oak work. It features an exposed stone chimney breast, cast iron wood-burner and picture windows, together with two staircases leading to a galleried landing and bedrooms one and two.

There is also a reception hall with an oak front door, a utility room and a luxury kitchen/dining room which is more than 22ft long and fitted with granite worktops and units by Kenton Jones.

There are two ground floor bedrooms, both with exposed wall and ceiling timbers.

Upstairs, the master bedroom has a vaulted ceiling, built-in wardrobe and an ensuite shower room.

The second bedroom has exposed timbers and adjoins the family bathroom.

The two properties share a drive, which has plenty of parking space and leads to a double garage with an office above and a rear garden.

Summerfield, pictured below right, comprises a living room with inglenook fireplace, modern fitted kitchen, sitting room, utility, cloakroom, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, workshop, and garden with rural views.

To view either property, call Richmond Harvey on 01691 654222 or visit www.richmondharvey.com

Country residence in 20 acres of parkland

On the market with Halls, Garthlwyd, Llanfair Caereinion, near Welshpool, is an imposing three-storey squire's residence in a beautiful and unspoilt setting.

The property is on sale at a guide price of £650,000 which includes the main house, an attached stone thre-bedroom cottage, gardens and 20 acres of parkland.

A range of traditional and modern farm buildings on the site have potential for business use, stables or letting out.

The main house has a large kitchen with sculery, two reception rooms and eight bedrooms with four bath/shower rooms.

For more details contact Halls on 01938 555552 or go to www.hallsestateagents.co.uk

Detached bungalow has no upward chain

Number 39 Walford Road, Oswestry, is a detached bungalow in an elevated position within reasonable walking distance of the town centre.

The cul-de-sac property is on the market for £159,950 with no upward chain.

Requiring some updating, the accommodation comprises an entrance hall, spacious lounge with a marble fireplace, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, one with fitted wardrobes, and a shower room suitable for the disabled.

There is a walled front garden, driveway leading to a single garage with door to a sun room, and an enclosed rear garden with a patio and lawn.

For details contact JJ Dell and Co on 01691 653437 or visit www.jjdell.co.uk

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PROPERTIES OF THE WEEK

Substantial detached house in sought-after part of village

A spacious detached house in a premier part of Whittington, near Oswestry, is on the market for £217,950. Number 4 Malthouse Close has generously proportioned rooms which include a sitting room, dining room and a conservatory. The fitted kitchen includes a gas hob and an electric oven and there is an utility and a cloakroom. There are four good-sized bedrooms on the first floor, with a shower room ensuite and a bathroom. A drive, garage and fenced rear garden make up the plot.

For further details please call Bowen Son and Watson on 01691 652367 or visit www.bowensonandwatson.co.uk

Immaculate family home offers all mod cons

Hunters Moon, 2 Old Rectory Gardens, West Felton, Oswestry is an immaculately presented detached house. On the market for offers around £349,950, the property has two reception rooms, a utility, a study and a downstairs wc. The master bedroom has an ensuite shower room and there are three further bedrooms and a bathroom. There is an enclosed rear garden, double garage and off-road parking. Oil-fired central heating has been installed and there is double glazing throughout.

For more details please contact Woodhead Estates on 01691 680044 or visit www.woodheadestates.com

Four-bedroom semi on market with no chain

Number 1 Belgrave Place, Maesbury, Oswestry, a spacious four-bedroom semi-detached family home, has come on to the market for offers in the region of £235,000 with no upward chain.
The accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, large pantry, utility room and ground floor wc. Off the first floor landing are four bedrooms, one with an ensuite shower room, and family bathroom.

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PROPERTIES OF THE WEEK

Charming 1930s property retains many original features

Cedwyn, in Weston Avenue, Oswestry, is a charming detached house built in the early 1930s. On sale for £279,500, it has been updated to a high standard but retains many original features.
The property has three reception rooms, a garden room, a kitchen/breakfast room, utility, shower room and wc. On the first floor are four bedrooms and a modern bathroom. It stands in immaculate gardens and has gas-fired central heating, double glazing and a garage.

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Roomy double-fronted residence near village amenities

This substantial double-fronted detached house is on the market for £229,995 and is situated close to the local village amenities. Bryn-Y-Castell, St Martins Road, Gobowen, Oswestry, includes two large reception rooms with feature fireplaces, fitted kitchen with solid fuel Aga, utility and ground floor cloakroom. Upstairs there is a master bedroom with ensuite shower, three further bedrooms and family bathroom. The home benefits from double glazing and gas-fired central heating.

For further information please call Morris Marshall and Poole on 01691 679595 or visit www.morrismarshall.co.uk

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Three-storey townhouse has been recently refurbished

Number 1 Belle Vue is a recently refurbished townhouse located in the middle of Llanymynech, well placed for local facilities and not far from Oswestry. The property has an open plan breakfast kitchen, lounge/bedroom, and bathroom on the first floor, with two further bedrooms on the second floor. There is also a stairway to a useful attic. On the market for £134,995, the property has gas-fired central heating and is worthy of an internal inspection.

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LOT 38 — **Cerrigman, Anglesey** — GUIDE PRICE: £185,000
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LOT 39 — **Prices Lane, Rhosddu** — GUIDE PRICE: £175,000
A five bedroom unique period residence including an annex.

LOT 40 — **Burntwood Road, Drury** — SOLD PRIOR GUIDE PRICE: £20,000
In need of complete refurbishment a two bed semi detached house.

LOT 41 — **Cae Bryn Glas, Llanfairfechan** — GUIDE PRICE: £215,000
A detached executive style home with gardens. Garage. GCH & DG.

LOT 42 — **Aberangell, Machynlleth** — GUIDE PRICE: £125,000
Village location with an elevated position this substantial detached house.

LOT 43 — **Holyhead Road, Froncysyllte** — SOLD PRIOR GUIDE PRICE: £28,000
Commercial property would convert to nail bar/hairdressers.

LOT 44 — **Glan Y Don, Greenfield** — GUIDE PRICE: £60,000
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This charming detached Victorian cottage is situated in a most pleasant rural location with lovely countryside walks on the doorstep and with excellent commuter links a short drive away

- 3 Bedroom
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Rhos Cottage, Quinta

Price: £249,950 Contact Oswestry

A two bedroom mid terrace property with garden and parking. An ideal investment purchase or first time buy.

- 2 Bed Property
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Good Road & Rail Links
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

New Cottages, Gobowen

Price: £102,950 Contact Oswestry

This detached family home is deceptively spacious, situated on an elevated position with panoramic views across the Shropshire Plain and to the Breidden Hills and Rodney's Pillar.

- 4/5 Bedrooms (2 With En-Suites)
- Oil Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- B & B Potential
- Stands In 0.23 Of An Acre
- Garage, Workshop & Parking

Skylarks, Pant

Price: £299,950 Contact Oswestry

A most spacious detached family home offering spacious and well planned accommodation in a popular residential area.

- 5 Bedrooms (2 With En-Suites)
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- Garage & Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing

Cae Onan, Morda

Price: £234,950 Contact Oswestry

A 15th century three bedroom detached character cottage overlooking the Penarth Valley, this property needs to be viewed to be fully appreciated

- 3 Bed Detached Cottage
- Oil Central Heating
- Workshop & Barn
- Gardens
- Rural Location

Caethle, Meifod

Price: £275,000 Contact Oswestry

This former Wesleyan Chapel is now a lovely family home offering two reception rooms, conservatory, breakfast kitchen, four bedrooms, bathroom & shower room.

- 4 Bedroom
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- Hot Tub
- Oil Central Heating
- Double Glazing

Wesley Cottage, Babbinswood

Price: £230,000 Contact Oswestry

This four detached family home is located in a very sought after residential area with excellent commuter links nearby, good schools and amenities a short drive away.

- 4 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite)
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Garage & Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing

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Plas Bostock Barns, Holt

Price: £225,000 Contact Oswestry

This three bedroom 1930's semi detached family home situated in a most convenient location within walking distance to Gobowen Station and also has shops and countryside walks.

- 3 Bedrooms
- Views To Welsh Hills
- Gas Central Heating
- Garage & Parking
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Character Features

Cae Glas, St Martins Road, Gobowen

Price: £137,500 Contact Oswestry

This former Head Masters House has been extended and renovated to a high standard to provide a most comfortable family home with countryside views from all windows.

- 3 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite)
- Semi Rural Location
- Oil Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Gardens To Front, Side & Rear
- Parking

Chain School Cottage, Maesbury Marsh

Price: £225,000 Contact Oswestry

This THREE BEDROOM semi detached family home with CONSERVATORY, GARAGE and PARKING.

- 3 Bedroom
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Conservatory
- Garage & Parking
- Gardens

Balmoral Crescent, Oswestry

Price: £148,000 Contact Ellesmere

A most well presented three bedroom family home situated in a most convenient location. Woodland and open countryside walks are a stones throw away and the A483 is 700 yards therefore ideally positioned for commuters.

- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Receptions & Conservatory
- Excellent Decorative Order
- Oil Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing

Dolgoch, Porthywaen

Price: £124,950 Contact Oswestry

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Nobold Close, Baschurch

Price: £229,950 Contact Oswestry

A rare opportunity to purchase a semi detached bungalow with adaptable and spacious accommodation within a short walk of Oswestry Town.

- 3/4 Bedrooms
- Detached Garage & Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Walking Distance To Town

Bridgeman Road, Oswestry

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West Felton **HUNTERS MOON**
4 BED DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
UTILITY ROOM
DOUBLE GLAZING
OIRO £349,950

NEW PRICE

Trefonen **GLEDHILL**
4 BED DET HOUSE
3 RECEPTION ROOMS
CONSERVATORY
UTILITY ROOM
OIRO £310,000

NEW

Llanfechain **GWYNFRYN**
4 BED DET COTTAGE
3 RECEPTION ROOMS
PERIOD FEATURES
CELLAR
OIRO £279,950

NEW

Maesbury Oswestry **1 BELGRAVE PLACE**
4 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
ENSUITE MASTER BEDROOM
OIL CENTRAL HEATING
OIRO £235,000

Pant **ROCKLEA**
2/3 BED DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
NO CHAIN
DOUBLE GARAGE
OIRO £234,950

NEW

Babbinswood **THE FIRS**
THREE BED DETACHED COTTAGE
PERIOD FEATURES
GENEROUS LIVING ACCOMMODATION
DOWNSTAIRS WC
OIRO £219,950

Maesbury Marsh **OAKDENE**
3 BED DORMA BUNGALOW
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
CONSERVATORY
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
OIRO £214,950

NEW

Maesbrook **ROSEDALE**
3 DED SEMI-DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
MODERN KITCHEN
LPG CENTRAL HEATING
OIRO £199,950

Llansilin **BERWYNFA**
3 BED DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
OIL CENTRAL HEATING
OIRO £199,950

NEW PRICE

West Felton **FRAGLYN**
2 BED DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
IN NEED OF MODERNISATION
2 RECEPEPTION ROOMS
OIRO £199,950

Oswestry **57 HENLEY DRIVE**
4 BED DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
DOWNSTAIRS W.C
UTILITY ROOM
OIRO £189,950

NEW

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VILLAGE LOCATION
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3/4 BED DET HOUSE
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OIRO £184,950

Gobowen **WALNUT HOUSE**
4 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
SELF CONTAINED ANNEX
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING (where stated)
OIRO £179,950

Oswestry **37 ROFT STREET**
4 BED TERRACE HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
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Oswestry **6 BARBER CLOSE**
3/4 BED TOWN HOUSE
KITCHEN/DINER
EN-SUITE MASTER BEDROOM
SINGLE GARAGE
OIRO £169,950

Oswestry **2 HENRY JONES ROAD**
3 BED DET HOUSE
2 DOUBLE BEDROOMS
DOUBLE GLAZING(WHERE STATED)
CONSERVATORY
OIRO £163,500

NEW

Oswestry **35 AMBLESIDE ROAD**
2 BED DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
RECENTLY MODERNISED
KITCHEN/DINER
OIRO £159,950

Weston Rhyn **MEADOW VIEW**
3 BED DET BUNGALOW
VILLAGE LOCATION
CONSERVATORY
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
OIRO £149,950

Oswestry **47 WALFORD ROAD**
3 BED DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
MODERN KITCHEN
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
OFFERS OVER £144,950

St Martins **22 CHURCHFIELDS**
3 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
CONSERVATORY
DETATCHED GARAGE
OIRO £143,950

NEW BUILD

Oswestry **5 CAMBRIAN MEWS**
2/3 BEDROOM TOWN HOUSE
NO CHAIN
OPEN PLAN LIVING SPACE
NEW BUILD
OIRO £137,950

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NEW

Oswestry **7 LILAC GROVE**
3 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE
DOWNSTAIRS SHOWER ROOM
LIVING ROOM/DINER
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
OIRO £124,950

Oswestry **36 BROOKHOUSE ROAD**
2 BED SEMI-DET BUNG
NO CHAIN
SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
OFFERS OVER £110,000

Oswestry **90 ALBERT ROAD**
2 BED TERRACE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING (WHERE STATED)
OFFERS OVER £109,000

Oswestry **14 KING STREET**
2 BED END TERRACE
NO CHAIN
LIVING/DINING ROOM
NEWLY REFURBISHED
OIRO £107,500

NEW

Chirk **7 DUKE STREET**
3 BED TERRACE HOUSE
KITCHEN/DINER
UTILITY
OFF ROAD PARKING
OIRO £104,950

NEW

Oswestry **3 ABRAHAM COURT**
1 BED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
RETIREMENT PROPERTY
COMMUNAL GARDEN
SECURITY ENTRANCE
OIRO £84,950

Oswestry **PLOT, 28 ARDMILLAN COURT**
BUILDING PLOT
OUTLINE PLANNING
ENVIABLE TOWN VIEWS
SOUGHT AFTER AREA
OIRO £65,000

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SECURE PARKING
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TO LET

Llansantffraid **GROVE VIEW**
3 BED TERRACE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
DETACHED GARAGE
OFF ROAD PARKING
PCM £495

TO LET

Oswestry **60 ABRAHAM COURT**
1 BED 2ND FLOOR RETIREMENT APARTMENT
SECURITY DOOR & LIFT
GUEST ACCOMM AVAILABLE
RENT INCLUDES SERVICE CHARGE & WATER RATES
PCM £470

TO LET

Oswestry **38 ABRAHAM COURT**
1 BED 1ST FLOOR RETIREMENT APARTMENT
DOUBLE GLAZING
SECURITY DOOR & LIFT
GUEST ACCOMM AVAILABLE
PCM £470

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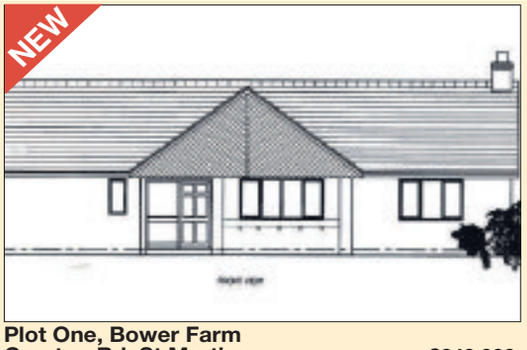

Plot One, Bower Farm Overton Rd, St Martins

£240,000

- Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Two reception rooms, kitchen and utility
- Master bedroom en-suite and family bathroom
- Full D/glazing, Gas C/H, Detached garage
- Central location in well served village

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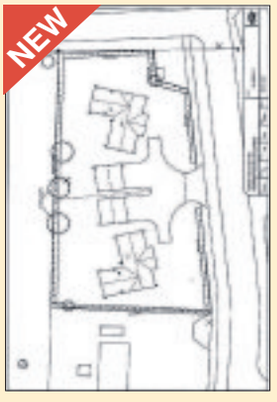
Plot Two, Bower Farm Overton Rd, St Martins



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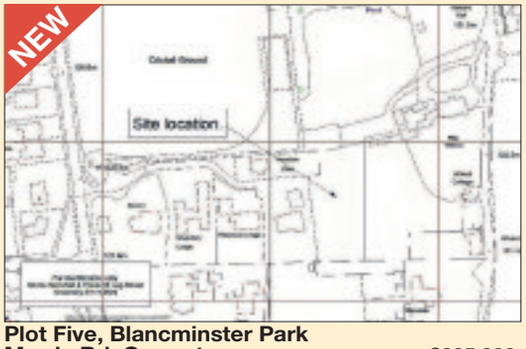

Plot Five, Blancminster Park Morda Rd, Oswestry

£225,000

- A Premier 0.5 Acre Building Plot
- Opportunity for a be-spoke detached dwelling
- Plans available for individual 5 bedroom house
- Sought after location on fringe of town
- Close to Secondary School & Cricket Club
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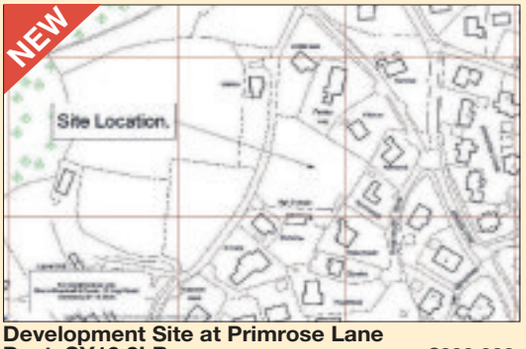

Development Site at Primrose Lane Pant, SY10 8LB

£200,000

- Residential Development Site with Full P/P
- Permission for three detached bungalows
- Shared vehicular access off Primrose Lane
- A pleasant well located level site, edge of village
- 1 unit affording 148 sqm & 2 units at 112.20 sqm

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Building Plots Adj Y Bryn, Meifod, Powys

- Land extending to 0.14 Acres (or there-abouts)
- Outline Planning Consent for 2 Houses
- Application No: P2012 0515 - granted 20/6/12
- Within the village of Meifod. Close to primary school
- Plans for 2 No. 3 Bedroom Houses. Shared access road
- Easy reach of Welsh-pool & Oswestry

£150,000

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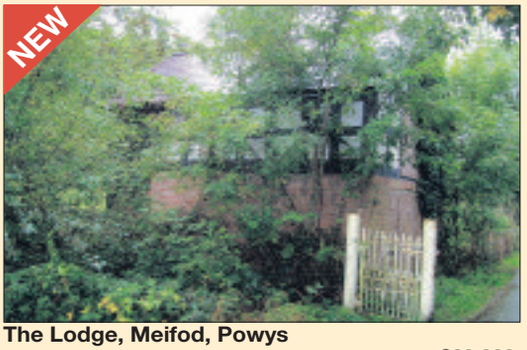

The Lodge, Meifod, Powys

£60,000

- Dilapidated Detached Former Lodge
- Planning Consent for 2 storey extension
- Village Location close to primary school
- Stream adjoining southern boundary
- Of Interest to Builders & Private Individuals

Welshpool Office 01938 554818

32 Abertridwr, Llanwddyn

£125,000

- Semi-Detached Two Bed Bungalow
- Sitting Room, Kitchen. Bathroom
- Biomass Solid Fuel C/Heating. Double Glazed
- Solar Panelling & back boiler (hot water)
- Building Regulation Approval for Loft Conversion
- Quiet rural settlement with woodland backdrop
- Close to the picturesque Lake Vyrnwy

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Building Plots Meifod £150,000

NEW

• A rare opportunity to purchase a large building plot with Outline P.P for Two Detached Dwellings on an outstanding site in the Village of Meifod
• The plot extends to around 0.057 Hectares (0.14 Acres) detailed plans show well designed houses, with individual drives and gardens from a shared access road.

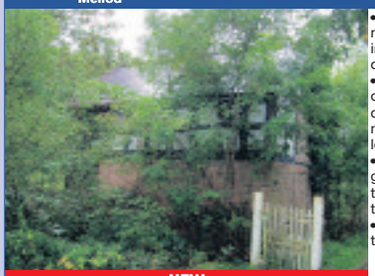
Rhiwlas Nr Oswestry £325,000

OPEN DAY 20th OCT 2012

• OPEN DAY 20th OCTOBER 2012 - BETWEEN 10.00 AM and 12.00 NOON

• A rare opportunity to purchase a residential farm comprising a Three bedroom Detached Cottage, Outbuildings, gardens and pasture land in total extending to 15.69 acres (6.35 ha) or thereabouts.
• The property is situated in the picturesque hamlet of Rhiwlas with outstanding views over open countryside yet is only 6 miles from the market town of Oswestry and the A5/A483 which provides direct access to the larger towns of Wrexham, Shrewsbury and the city of Chester.
• The cottage itself has the benefit of Oil Fired Central Heating and uPVC Double Glazing.

The Lodge Meifod £60,000



NEW

• A Dilapidated Former Lodge situated in the popular Village of Meifod
• Offering an ideal opportunity to acquire an improvement project to this lovely old building
• P.P has been granted for the erection of a 2 storey extension
• Further details on the P.P are available.

NEW PRICE - NO CHAIN

Victoria Street Oswestry £125,000

• A most spacious and well located Semi Detached House situated in a prime location convenient to the Town Centre and all facilities
• Open Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, Sitting Room with Bay, Living/Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory
• Three Excellent Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. Gas fired central heating, garden to the rear

NEW PRICE - NO CHAIN

Smale Rise Oswestry £140,000

• A spacious Detached House situated in a popular modern estate
• Entrance Hall, Cloaks, Sitting Rm, Separate Dining Rm, Study
• Conservatory, Kitchen, Utility/Shower Room, Three Bedrooms
• Family Bathroom. D/G, Gas C/H
• Attached garage, lawned garden with patio to rear, parking

NEW PRICE - NO CHAIN

Oak Drive St. Martins £114,500

• A most spacious and comfortably appointed End of Terrace House
• Undergone complete refurbishment being convenient to all facilities in the Village
• Entrance Hall, Large Sitting Room/Dining Room, Brand New Kitchen, Utility
• Three Excellent Bedrooms, Family Bathroom with a new luxury suite
• Double glazing, Gas C/H, Lawned gardens and grounds

NO CHAIN

Twmpath Lane Gobowen £127,500

• A well appointed Semi-Detached House situated conveniently adjacent to the Orthopaedic Hospital
• Recently improved, Sitting Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room with a modern range of fitments •Family Bathroom, Three First Floor Excellent Bedrooms. Gas fired central heating
• Double glazing, parking to the side of the property, large lawned garden to the rear
• With outstanding views over agricultural fields to the rear.

LARGE GARDEN

Ball Lane Maesbury £229,500

• A most delightful Detached Country Cottage set adjacent to open countryside in a picturesque location
• Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room. Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
• LP Gas C/H. Double Glazing, Off road parking, Fully enclosed good size rear gardens
• The cottage has undergone electrical rewiring and a modern LP gas central heating system is installed while further improvements have been made by way of new kitchen and bathroom suites.

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Offers Based on £164,950

Arddleen, Powys

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Offers in Region of £329,950

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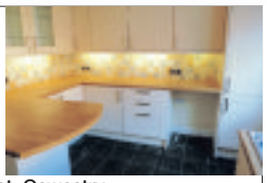

Orchard Street, Oswestry

..OFFERS INVITED.. - Tastefully improved by the present owner Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this most immaculately presented two double bedroom mature terraced town house to the market which enjoys a convenient location for local town amenities and benefits from an attractive re-fitted Kitchen and Bathroom. Gas Fired Central Heating. Enclosed Rear Garden. The property has the benefit of being sold with NO CHAIN. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Open to Offers £104,950

Kensington Close, Oswestry

..TASTEFULLY EXTENDED TO INCLUDE FAMILY ROOM, GARDEN ROOM, GROUND FLOOR SHOWER ROOM AND LARGE UTILITY ROOM.. 2 bedroom semi detached house which enjoys a private situation within this popular residential locality. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in Region of £139,950

Wern, Llanymynech

4 bed detached edge of village residence which enjoys truly delightful views and landscaped gardens of approx 0.25 acre. The property briefly comprises: Three Reception Rooms, Generous Kitchen Breakfast Room, Utility, Cloakroom, Master Bedroom with Ensuite, Three Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, Driveway and Double Garage. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in Region of £310,000

Plas Cerrig Close, Whittington

Immaculately presented 4 bedroom modern detached family house which enjoys a pleasant cul-de-sac location. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Kitchen, Utility, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Three Further Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Double Width Driveway, Garage. MUST BE SEEN.

Offers in Region of £214,950

Treflach, Nr Oswestry

Bespoke 4 bedroom detached oak framed village residence with a separate 3 bedroom detached cottage which offers the potential for a holiday let or separate long term rental income. Any interested parties should view to appreciate the excellent accommodation on offer. MUST BE SEEN.

Price Guide £650,000

Milars Field, Morda

2 bedroom modern bungalow which enjoys an edge of village location with pleasant views to the fore and a generous plot. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Spacious Lounge/Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Fired Central Heating, Generous Rear Garden and Two Allocated Parking Spaces. MUST BE SEEN.

Offers in Region of £149,950

Maes Myllin, Llanfyllin

Immaculately presented and deceptively spacious two double bedroom modern detached bungalow occupying a pleasant position within this recently constructed development which has the benefit of a detached double garage, most attractively landscaped gardens and rooftop views. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in Region of £220,000

Gittin Street

Spacious two bedroom mature town house conveniently placed for local amenities and transport links which briefly comprises the following well maintained accommodation: Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Rear Lobby/Utility, First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Generous Rear Garden. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in Region of £109,950

Old Chirk Road, Gobowen

3 bed detached bungalow comprising: Entrance Hall, Living Room, Conservatory, Dining Room, Attractive Re-Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms and Re-Fitted Bathroom (to include separate shower cubicle), Garden Room, Rear Lobby, Utility, WC, Long gravel driveway, Double Garage and surrounding gardens. Gas Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing where stated. EARLY VIEWING FULLY RECOMMENDED.

Offers in Region Of £225,950

Victoria Road, Oswestry

OSWESTRY AND DISTRICT CIVIC AWARD WINNING PROPERTY (2011) 3 bedroom detached family house which has been constructed to a high specification and enjoys a convenient position for local amenities and transport links. With accommodation over 3 floors with Low Maintenance Rear Garden. NO CHAIN.

Offers in Region of £179,995

Edward Street, Oswestry

Semi detached house which offers a convenient location. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Living Room, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Walk In Pantry, Kitchen, Lean To with WC and Built in Store, First Floor Landing, 3/4 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Rear Yard, Gas Fired Central Heating, NO CHAIN.

Offers in Region of £169,000

Cae Gwynn Close, Morda

3 bedroom modern semi detached house which enjoys a pleasant end cul-de-sac location. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Porch, Cloakroom, Living Room, Kitchen/Dining Room, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Two Further Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Driveway providing ample off-street parking, Gardens to Front and Rear. VIEWING FULLY RECOMMENDED.

Offers in Region of £144,995

St Martins Road, Gobowen

4 bedroom detached house which enjoys a pleasant edge of village location and well planned accommodation to comprise: Large Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Spacious Living Room, Dining Room, Study, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility, First Floor Gallery Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Three Further Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Generous neatly landscaped gardens with delightful views over the village and countryside beyond, Double Garage and Parking. MUST BE SEEN.

Offers Over £300,000

Sycamore Court, Maesbury Marsh

Richmond Harvey Properties are pleased to release this spacious 4 bedroom detached family house which enjoys a quiet cul-de-sac location and briefly comprises: Covered Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility, Cloakroom, First Floor Landing, Spacious Master Bedroom Ensuite, Three Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing where stated, Driveway providing ample off-street parking, Double Garage, Gardens to front and rear. Viewing fully recommended.

Offers in the Region of £242,000

Broomhall Close, Oswestry

Richmond Harvey Properties are pleased to offer for sale this spacious and most well appointed 'executive' detached family home which is situated within a select cul-de-sac in an edge of town location. There are particular features to this property and a viewing of the home and gardens are strongly recommended.

Offers in the Region of £349,950

Pool Quay, Nr Welshpool

A most delightfully situated and most well appointed three bedroom character attached barn conversion to the market which was tastefully completed during 2003. The property offers a wealth of character features together with a traditional attached former farm building with full planning permission (No M97071) for conversion into a superior 5/6 bedroom family home which enjoys a delightful rural situation with outlooks over adjoining countryside and pool. Early viewing recommended.

Price Guide £555,000

Bwlch-y-ddar, Llangedwyn

4 bedroom detached smallholding set in approx 8 acres enjoying far reaching countryside views with accommodation comprising: Entrance Porch, Living Room with feature fireplace, Sitting Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Side Lobby, Ground Floor Bedroom 4, Wet Room, First Floor Landing, Three Further Bedrooms and Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, Cottage style garden, Open Fronted Workshop, Car Port and Two Grass Paddocks. Viewing Recommended.

Offers in Region of £395,000

Greenhill Bank, Criftins

4 bedroom detached house which enjoys a delightful rural position.The property briefly comprises: Porch, Entrance Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory, Utility, Ground Floor WC, First Floor Landing, Four Bedrooms, Family Bathroom and Built in Shower Cubicle, Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway providing ample off street parking, Car Port and Gardens to front and rear. VIEWING FULLY RECOMMENDED.

Offers in the Region of £237,000

Birch Grove, Ruyton-XI-Towns

Richmond Harvey Properties are pleased to release this spacious 3 bedroom first floor flat to the market which enjoys a pleasant cul-de-sac location and briefly comprises: Lounge with open fire, Kitchen/Dining Room, Three Bedrooms, Attractive Re-Fitted Bathroom, PVC Double Glazing where stated and Generous Rear Garden. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in Region of £109,995

Bridgeman Road, Oswestry

A tastefully improved 3 bed semi detached dwelling house which is conveniently placed for local town amenities. The property briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, re-fitted kitchen/dining room, first floor landing, three bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom, pvc double glazing, gas fired central heating, driveway providing ample off-street parking, garage, gardens front and rear. Early viewing recommended.

Offers in Region of £134,950

Upper Well Close, Oswestry

7 bed executive det dwelling house which briefly comprises: Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Guest Bedroom Two Ensuite, Three Further First Floor Bedrooms and Family Bathroom, Second Floor Landing, Two Extremely Spacious Second Floor Bedrooms and Bathroom. Alarm System, Gas Fired CH, DG, Driveway and Attached Double Garage. Generous Gardens.

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Detached three bedroomed split level house

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- Dining Room
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- Conservatory
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- Garage
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NO CHAIN £189,950

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Attractive Five Bedroomed Country House Overlooking the Shropshire Plain

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- Breakfast Kitchen
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- Two Reception Rooms
- Attractive Outlook
- Range of brick & stone Outbuildings
- Approx. 3.5 acres of grounds

JJD796

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- Double Glazing
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Garden Room
- Garage

JJD792

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PANT, NR. OSWESTRY

- Oil Fired Central Heating
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PROPERTIES OF THE WEEK

£1,000 cashback offer sure to tempt buyers

With £1,000 cashback being offered on completion, 73 Aston Way, Oswestry, is set in a popular residential area. This tastefully extended four-bedroom semi-detached family house comprises an entrance hall, cloakroom, living room, study/dining room, utility, master bedroom with ensuite shower room, three further bedrooms and a family bathroom. There is gas-fired central heating, pvc double glazing, driveway providing ample parking, and rear garden. The property is priced at offers over £145,000 with no upward chain.

For further details please contact Richmond Harvey on 01691 654222 or visit www.richmondharvey.com

RICHMOND HARVEY

Extended semi is presented to high standard

Number 11 Bridgeman Road, Oswestry, has come onto the market for offers in the region of £139,950. The extended three-bedroom semi-detached home is conveniently located for the town centre amenities and benefits from a kitchen/diner, conservatory, downstairs wc, gas-fired central heating, PVC double glazing, three double bedrooms, off-road parking and a landscaped garden. Viewings are highly recommended to appreciate the accommodation.

For further information please contact Woodhead Estates on 01691 680044 or visit www.woodheadestates.com

WOODHEAD ESTATES

Modern end terrace in walking distance of town centre

Available for £122,500, number 30 Hazel Grove, Oswestry, is within walking distance of the town centre and local schools. The three-bedroom end terrace house benefits from gas-fired central heating, majority UPVC double glazing, a separate single garage and parking area, and a pleasant enclosed rear garden. Inside, the accommodation includes a lounge and large kitchen/diner, fitted bathroom and ground floor utility, and three bedrooms.

For further information please contact Morris Marshall and Poole on 01691 679595 or visit www.morrismarshall.co.uk

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PROPERTIES OF THE WEEK

Spacious detached home in a pleasant village location

Tan Y Dderwen provides a spacious and well maintained four/five bedroom detached family home in a popular village location set back from the road. The accommodation comprises porch, entrance hall, cloakroom, dining room, sitting room, breakfast kitchen, utility, first floor galleried landing, master bedroom with ensuite shower, three further bedrooms and family bathroom. The property benefits from ample parking, garage, and attractive gardens which include a shed and summerhouse.

For further information please call Halls on 01938 555552 or visit www.hallsestateagents.co.uk

Four-bed family house has been tastefully modernised

On the market for £164,950, number 6 Maybury Avenue, Glyn Ceiriog, is a superbly presented terraced house which has been tastefully modernised over recent years to provide a comfortable and spacious home. The accommodation includes entrance porch, living room, dining area, kitchen, four bedrooms, one ensuite, family bathroom, oil-fired central heating, double glazing, attractive gardens to front and rear, double garage and ample off road parking for several vehicles.

For further information please contact Bowen Son and Watson at their Chirk office on 01691 772443 or visit www.bowensonandwatson.co.uk

Modern property has views over open fields

Field View, The Cross, is an individual modern three-bedroom detached house in the desirable village of West Felton. With a price guide of £194,995, the home benefits from views over open fields and includes a living room, kitchen with built-in appliances, cloaks/wc, three bedrooms, one ensuite, and a bathroom. There is ample parking and a garage.

For more details please contact Samuel Wood on 01691 659951 or visit www.samuelwood.co.uk

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Knockin Heath, Oswestry

A mature residence requiring general modernisation and upgrading, set in gardens and grounds extending to 3.03 acres, with further adjoining paddock extending to 2.15 acres available by separate negotiation. Hall, drawing room, dining room, snug/family room, kitchen/breakfast room, boot room/utility room, downstairs WC, six bedrooms, family bathroom, WC. Adjoining the property is a former doctor s surgery with its own external door, giving scope for conversion to granny annexe or home work accommodation. Oil CH, range of garaging, workshops, store rooms. Large formal gardens to the rear with orchard, large vegetable garden, adjoining small area of woodland to the front.

Guide Price: POA 3061

Rhosweil, Oswestry

An attractive Grade II Listed family residence dating back to 1620 having been renovated, set within beautiful gardens and grounds. Hall, farmhouse style kitchen, utility room/back kitchen, boot room/tack room, dining room, drawing room, study, cellar, Jacobean oak staircase, six bedrooms, family bathroom, shower room. Enclosed stable yard with tack room, two loose boxes and adjacent feed store, large parking area, coach house with garaging and large studio above, two bay dutch barn, two paddocks. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £630,000 2910

Llangedwyn, Oswestry

A detached stone built residence with a separate detached one bedroom cottage annexe, set in gardens and grounds extending to approximately 1.75 acres. The property has been has been designed and rebuilt by the present owners to provide a spacious and comfortable family home with stunning views. The main house comprises; feature reception hall, sitting room, large dining room, kitchen, downstairs shower room, three double bedrooms and family bathroom. The annexe comprises; kitchen, sitting room, downstairs shower room, and large bedroom.

Guide Price: £550,000 3027

Llandrinio, Llanymynech

An individually designed detached family house set in good sized gardens with adjoining two acre paddock (further land available by separate negotiation), having indoor swimming pool set in separate detached block with adjoining offices and integral single garage. It also has a further attached double garage, oil CH, and PVC DG. Hall, sitting room, dining room, family room/study, large sun room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, cloakroom, four double bedrooms, two en-suite shower rooms, family bathroom. Conveniently situated on the outskirts of the village and within easy travelling distance of Oswestry, Shrewsbury and Welshpool.

Guide Price: £550,000 3078

Llanyblodwel

A detached Grade II Listed country property, which has been renovated over recent years retaining the character and features of the original building. Entrance hall with cloaks lobby, sitting room having the original stone fire surround, dining room, living room, kitchen, utility room, galleried landing, master bedroom, guest bathroom, second floor spacious bedroom/games/office area. Outside there is an independent office/library. Gardens to the front and rear, ample parking, garage. For further information contact our Oswestry office on 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £450,000 2858

Llangedwyn, Oswestry

An attractive and extremely spacious, detached barn conversion, with uPVC DG, electric storage heating, wood burner, double garage, gardens and small paddock amounting in all to over one acre or thereabouts. Entrance hall, main reception hall, living room, dining room, cloaks/WC, large farmhouse style kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, large landing, four good bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family shower room. Occupying a delightful rural position set in the middle of its garden grounds, enjoying superb country views over the surrounding fields and beyond.

Guide Price: £449,950 2744

Llanyblodwel, Oswestry

A unique riverside property, renovated and modernised to an exceptionally high standard including many traditional period features. Reception hall, open plan living room with modern fitted kitchen, utility room with WC, dining room, drawing room, four double bedrooms, en-suite bathroom, family bathroom. Set in its own tranquil grounds and abuts the River Tanat, situated in the quiet residential village of Llanyblodwel. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £410,000 2802

Pontrobert, Meifod

A charming mid 16th century detached Grade II• Listed cottage with gardens to the front, rear and side, set on the outskirts of a delightful and popular village. Entrance hall, dining room, snug/office, fully fitted kitchen, utility room/cloaks, sitting room, landing/sitting area, three double bedrooms, family bathroom. For further details or to arrange a viewing contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £338,000 2856

Edgerley, Nr Oswestry

A range of interesting former barns, presently being converted into four luxury units, located in the hamlet of Edgerley, situated approximately 12 miles from Shrewsbury and seven miles from Oswestry. There are currently two units remaining, The Drift House is a three double bedroom unit and The Parlour has four good size bedrooms. They are converted to a high standard with quality fittings throughout, having ground heating source CH, wood framed DG, pleasant private gardens and detached double garages. They also have the option to purchase a small paddock by separate negotiation. The barns have a guide price of £325,000 each, to arrange a viewing or for further information contact Agents on 01743 343343.

Guide Price: £325,000 2897

Berriew, Powys

An extremely spacious detached family house, with oil CH, mainly sealed unit DG, parking for several vehicles, delightful landscaped gardens. Occupying a pleasant position close to the centre of Berriew with a variety of local amenities, being about five miles from Welshpool. Reception hall, magnificent living room with high ceiling and gallery landing above, large dining room, snug/family room, kitchen, utility area, breakfast area, conservatory, recently fitted luxurious bath/shower room, galleried landing, master bedroom, large en-suite shower room, three further bedrooms, separate WC.

Guide Price: £315,000 3092

Crickheath, Oswestry

A charming detached property, built at the same time as the Montgomery Canal, with spacious well maintained accommodation offering original cottage features. It occupies tranquil location and rural aspect make this an ideal rural retreat. There is a useful garden store, garage and greenhouses, together with a summerhouse, the garden is mainly laid to lawn intersected with mature shrubs and trees. hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, three nedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £295,000

Abermule, Montgomery

A three double bedroom detached split level bungalow residence, set in nearly 1/3 of an acre of grounds. Oil CH, UPVC DG, large integral garag, ample parking and lovely large gardens. Occupying a truly delightful semi rural position enjoying magnificent views over its own large gardens. Reception hall, living room, large kitchen/dining room, three good sized bedrooms, family bathroom. On the lower level is a large utility room, study/office, garaging and access to extremely useful and spacious underfloor storage.

Guide Price: £282,000 3026

Fircourt Drive, Churchstoke

An attractive, modern, extremely spacious, detached family house, with oil CH, uPVC DG, detached double garaging, ample parking, and delightful landscaped gardens. Entrance hall, reception hall, cloaks/WC, large living room/dining room, dining room/study, kitchen, utility room, conservatory, landing, four good size bedrooms, en-suite bathroom, and family bathroom. Occupying a pleasant position in the village close to a wide range of local amenities.

Guide Price: £275,000 2474

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Guide Price: £247,500

Maesbury, Oswestry

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Guide Price: £235,000 3097

Four Crosses, Llanymynech

A large detached modern property, set in easily maintained gardens, offering spacious accommodation comprising; large through entrance hall, sitting room, large conservatory, dining room, eat in kitchen, utility room, downstairs WC, three double bedrooms, en-suite bathroom and family bathroom with separate shower. Oil CH, open fronted carport and easily positioned for local amenities and the towns of Shrewsbury, Oswestry and Welshpool

Guide Price: £185,000 2768

Llanfair Caereinion

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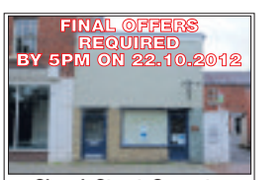
Guide Price: £85,000 3073

Four Crosses, Llanymynech

An end of terrace mature cottage, requiring some modernisation and upgrading, with sitting room, kitchen, downstairs shower room and bedroom. The property has parking for up to four cars with small enclosed gardens to the rear. The property occupies a central position in the village, close to a range of local amenities and conveniently located for travel to Shrewsbury, Oswestry and Welshpool.

Guide Price: £75,000 2769



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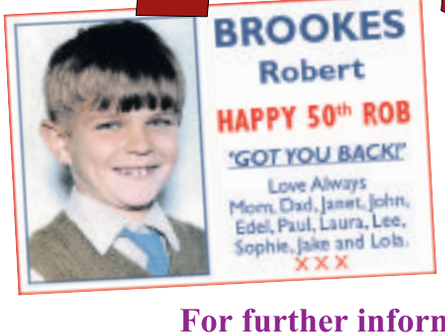

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NEWS

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New venue for lights switch on

THE traditional venue for the Christmas lights switch-on in Oswestry is set to change.

The event usually takes place each year in Festival Square at about 3.30pm after youngsters from town primary schools have sung carols.

But at the Oswestry Town Council amenities committee meeting last Wednesday councillors agreed to try out a suggestion to move the event to the Bailey Head, a pedestrian area.

A report to town councillors suggested holding the event on November 23 there because it would be 'impressive once switch on commences' with the lights on the Guild Hall, Powis Hall and down Bailey Street.

Changing the time of the event until after 4pm was also suggested as 'to appreciate the full effect of the lights it may be more effective after 4pm'.

"This would give children the chance to see the lights but also the opportunity to leave earlier," the report added.

Councillor Martin Bennett said: "It would be worthwhile this year trying The Bailey Head. If we are going to have it on a Wednesday we would have to ensure the market is cleared."

He added that the time of the event would have to be negotiated with the schools involved. He mentioned youngsters may have to be given facilities and refreshments while they were waiting.

Councillor Betty Gull said the event had been popular in past years because people passing by Festival Square stopped to watch.

Teacher cleared in sex case given ban

by Andrew Morris

A DEPUTY headteacher cleared two-and-a-half years ago by a crown court jury of having sex with a pupil from a special school has been banned from teaching for two years.

A jury at Chester Crown Court took less than an hour to return a unanimous not guilty verdict in the case of 41-year-old mother-of-two, Teresa McKenzie, who at the time of her trial was living in Meifod, near Welshpool.

But in a newly announced decision, Michael Gove, the Secretary of State for Education, has banned her from teaching for at least two years.

The ban follows a finding by the Teaching Agency that, although she was cleared by the jury of charges brought under the Sexual Offences Act 2003 in relation to the pupil, she was nevertheless guilty of 'unacceptable professional conduct whilst employed at the school in Cheshire between December 2007 and July 2008'.

Troubled

The findings of the Teaching Agency say that she sent more than 600 text messages to a troubled pupil, and wrote letters to him calling him her 'gorgeous pirate'.

The written decision to impose the ban says that she can apply to be restored to the profession after two years. However, she has the right to challenge the ban at the High Court.

The panel found that she engaged in inappropriate communications with 16-year old Pupil A, including sending 644 text messages between December 2007 and July 2008 and four emails.

It found that she failed to maintain professional boundaries with Pupil A, though the findings make it clear she is not alleged to have had any kind of sexual relationship with the boy.

The panel said that Pupil A joined the residential and educational school for pupils with special needs, as a boarder in October 2006.

Trip to arts centre for students of high school

TEXTILE students from Llanfyllin High School have visited a North Wales craft centre to see the mixed-media work of well known contemporary artist Michael Brennan Wood.

School spokesman Michael Morgan said 18 A-level pupils spent an 'enthralling' morning at Ruthin Craft Centre looking at Mr Brennan Wood's solo retrospective exhibition called 'Forever Changes' and talking with the artist.

Mr Morgan said: "He described his early, formative years that instigated a love of textiles and wood, and how that shaped his later work.

"He took the students on a rich, descriptive journey though his college work and early mixed media pieces using wrapped wood, cloth, paint and thread and showed, by guiding them around the gallery, how his work has evolved over 40 years. He described how he had been inspired by the lace collection in the Whitworth Art Gallery in Manchester and had experimented with making lace himself.

"This visit inspired and engaged the textile students, who are now beginning to respond to some of the same themes in their work, and experiment with his textile techniques."

Tours are a scream

Whittington Castle manager Sue Ellis getting ready for the ghost tours to celebrate Halloween.

WHITTINGTON Castle is getting ready for the ghost tours which are being held to celebrate Halloween.

The activities begin at noon on Sunday, October 28 with spooky games, tours and the chance to visit the witch. Take your carved pumpkin for a competition and help light up the castle.

On Wednesday, October 31 between noon and 1.30pm there's a Halloween Holiday Club. Go dressed up for Halloween fun. Entry is £3.50. Call (01691) 662500 to book in.

Between 6pm and 8pm you can join the torchlight procession as it winds its way to the castle. Visit the witch for your goody bag. The tea room will be open serving Halloween treats!

Seniors club to host dance

OSWESTRY Senior Citizens Club will be hosting a dance and social evening tonight, Thursday.

Entertainment will be provided by Double Focus and doors open at 6pm at the club's Lorne Street base for a 7.30pm start. Tickets cost £5.

MP Paterson hopeful on direct London rail service

THE £40 million West Coast Main Line fiasco has boosted Shropshire's chances of restoring a direct rail link to London according to North Shropshire MP, Owen Paterson.

He said the county now had more bargaining power with two of the leading bidders for the London to Glasgow line because both offered to operate a Shropshire service in their original bids.

Details of Virgin's bid, which would have restored trains between Wrexham and London by 2015, were only made public once the Government announced it had scrapped a decision to let FirstGroup take over the route.

FirstGroup was offering a service as far as Telford Central and Shrewsbury, but not until 2016. The MP said: "It means now we can look at whether FirstGroup will go to Wrexham as Virgin said they would.

"I think locally we're in quite an interesting position now, and I'm determined to use this opportunity to get the service back, and hopefully it will be an even better service. This really opens it up."

Earlier this week the Government scrapped its controversial decision to let FirstGroup take over the route from Virgin in December after 'technical flaws' in the bidding process for the contract were identified.

The previous direct rail service from Shropshire to the capital, run by the Wrexham, Shropshire and Marylebone Railway, folded in January 2011.

Club hands out prizes

ELLESMERE Rotary Club has presented its annual reading prize to pupils.

It presents prizes to children at the Lakelands School who have made a significant contribution to the development of reading.

This year the prize was jointly awarded to Megan Heeley and Emma Jones.

President Frank Brooke also presented a reading progress prize to Rebecca Sumner. The club has a youth opportunities initiative. Members are selling spring bulbs and tomorrow will do a sponsored bag pack at Tesco in Ellesmere.

Weekend challenge for young in Wales

ELEVEN members of staff and eighty seven Year 7 students from The Marches School, recently departed Oswestry and headed off to North Wales for a weekend of activities at the Colomendy Centre, near Mold.

Specifically designed to bring all new Year 7 students together and unite the year group, the weekend was packed full of multi-activity challenges to allow students to mix and initiate new friendships, as well as develop their team building and leadership skills.

The transition from primary to secondary school is a milestone in young people's lives and The Marches School do all that they can to ensure this is a smooth and enjoyable process. The trip to the Colomendy Centre in North Wales forms a crucial part of this journey and is designed to help pupils develop new friendships, as well as enhance their skills.

Students challenged each other, as well as themselves, on the aerial trekking course and worked in teams to complete a number of tasks. Pupils also had the opportunity to explore the immense wildlife on the shore.

Andy Hall, transition director at The Marches commented, "The students had great fun and have come back with some lovely memories."

Charlotte's charity ball boosts foundation funds

THE CASH came rolling in at a charity ball held to support a foundation set up in memory of a Shropshire schoolgirl.

Charlotte Hartey Foundation's Magical Charity Ball 2012 held at the Lion Quays Hotel near Oswestry raised an impressive £12,500 for the cause.

By Graham Breeze

The evening began with a brief introduction from Charlotte's farther Karl Hartey who outlined some of the creative projects the foundation has backed throughout the year.

Karl handed over proceedings to wheelchair basketball player Charles Fryer-Stevens, 17, who gave thanks to the foundation for receiving a small sum of money that was gifted last year.

The money helped with the purchase of his sports wheelchair.

The teenager spoke of his sporting abilities as an able bodied athlete being a budding track cyclist.

He then described his recent accomplishments as a disabled athlete having competed at the highest level at wheelchair basketball and rugby and his ambition of representing Britain at the Olympics in Rio 2016.

A three course meal was served with a raffle being drawn during coffee.

Magician and entertainer Laura London then filled the stage with her cheeky cockney attitude and illusions. Organisers said the evening's auction was 'truly amazing'.

Auctioneer Mike Tomley got the crowd into a spending frenzy and raised a grand total of £4,350.

Wonderful

Mr Hartey said: "From ticket sales to shot bar takings we are pleased to announce the total money raised by the guests' sheer generosity was around £12,500.

"We would like to sincerely thank all of our guests and sponsors who made the evening a wonderful success.

"We look forward to helping fund further community projects."

The foundation was set up in memory of 16-year-old Bronygarth girl Charlotte Hartey who died in July 2009 from complications arising from being misdiagnosed as having swine flu.

Charles Fryer-Stevens thanks the foundation after receiving money which helped with the purchase of his sports wheelchair.

NEWS in brief

Red carpet night for film project

YOUNG people from the Shropshire/Welsh border have seen their film entered in a red carpet Oscar-style competition.

A short film by Year 10 pupils at Dinas Bran School in Llangollen has been entered into Ffilmiau'r Ffin, a film project organised by a Welsh language group and funded by rural reorganisation agency Cadwyn Clwyd.

Drama teacher Ifor Phillips said: "They've been able to use their creative talents but also a lot of technical skills in filming, sound, producing, directing and editing and it's been a great experience."

Members hear of trust's work

THE work of the Tea Leaf Trust was outlined to members of an Oswestry rotary group.

John Pare, from the trust, was the guest speaker at the Oswestry Borderland Club's meeting on Wednesday.

He talked about the work of the trust in Sri Lanka and thanked the club for the financial help. The club meets weekly at the Sweeney Hall Hotel.

Autumn craft fair

THE WILLOW Gallery in Oswestry will host an autumn craft fair on October 27 and 28. The gallery in Willow Street will have stalls featuring locally crafted products.

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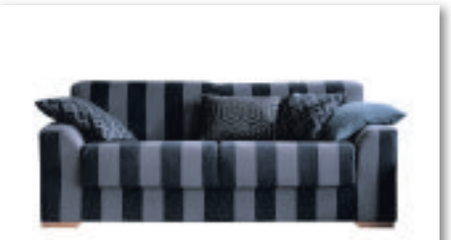

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Chance to take part in youth scheme

A NEW Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme is to be launched in Oswestry aimed at helping youngsters who have previously been unable to access the programme.

Organisers of the open scheme say most of the programmes are run by schools or youth organisations, and young people who have left school or don't belong to these groups have not been able to enjoy the challenges and benefits of the project.

It is open to anybody aged from 14 to 24 and is being run by Irene Stelfox, a former Shropshire Council senior youth worker.

Miss Stelfox said: "Most Duke of Edinburgh schemes are run through schools, the scouts or the guides, and many of these are over subscribed.

"By having an open scheme we are allowing any young person in the area to access this valuable scheme which can help them get jobs and gain new experiences and interests.

"We hope to hold regular sessions at Oswestry youth centre once it opens after half term but in the meantime we will have drop-in sessions at the Library."

Information and drop-in sessions will run at Oswestry Library on October 16, 23 and 30 from 3.30pm to 6pm.

For more information contact 07968 589074.

Summer music event will be returning to town next year

SUMMER music in the park will continue in Oswestry next year, with bands urged to get involved.

Brass band performances in the Victorian bandstand began in the summer of 2010 to celebrate the centenary of the town's showpiece Cae Glas public park.

Performances proved such a hit that a similar programme was held a year later and again during the summer this year.

Last week town councillors said they were unanimously in favour of staging a further programme of summer music at Cae Glas Park next year.

by Graham Breeze

The town council's events manager, David Clough, said: "The performances are still predominantly brass band in nature and all were very well received, with viewing numbers noticeably higher than in previous years.

"There were also some new faces to this year's programme and some alternative styles of music, as well as some additional dates.

"They were all extremely lucky in that they all managed to avoid the rain."

Councillor Martin Bennett said the musical performances were 'always at the mercy of the elements' but added that in terms of visitor numbers this was not just a leisure activity but also a way of trying to increase footfall into the town.

Councillor Paul Milner said: "It is nice to see the members of the public attending. This year the numbers were a lot higher. It was very well received."

Councillor Betty Gull asked for details of next year's event to be released as early as possible so it could be included in a brochure promoting the town and its events.

Mr Clough said this year bands came from all over the county to take part in the regular music sessions in the park.

They included Ifton Brass from St Martins, Oswestry Street Band, Shrewsbury Brass, Telford Jubilee Band and Porth-y-waen Brass.

The Oswestry-based People's Vinyl Collective group joined in with a performance of music on vinyl records.

Friends in need of volunteers

MORE volunteers are needed to help run the new League of Friends coffee shop at Shropshire's orthopaedic hospital.

Opened in May, the coffee shop is housed in Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital's new multi-million pound entrance and has already been a great hit with patients, visitors and staff.

But despite an army of some 80 League volunteers staffing the new cafe, more helpers are needed.

Among the volunteers is former Shropshire Council childcare training coordinator, Lorraine Dodsworth, who said she was keen to work with people again after taking voluntary redundancy.

She said: "I wanted to do something with the hospital and so, at the end of May, I began work in the new coffee shop just after it had opened."

For more information on volunteering contact Mrs Hughes at the hospital on (01691) 404401.

Cash boost for carers appeal

David Towers, Worshipful Master, and Susan Homden from Shropshire RCC.

THE Carers Appeal launched this year by Shropshire Rural Community Council has received a £1,000 boost from the Oswestry Lodge of the Freemasons and the Shropshire Round Table Lodge.

Worshipful Master, David Towers, presented the money at the RCC offices on Shrewsbury Business Park on behalf of both groups.

Receiving the donation, Susan Homden, head of finance said: "On behalf of the Shropshire RCC, I would like to sincerely thank the Lodge of St Oswald and the Shropshire Round Table Lodge who have so generously donated to the Carers Appeal. Donations like this are simply vital to a small charity like ours.

"Through the generosity of such groups and individuals, we have been able to support many more local carers.

"We also have a number of local support groups and outreach surgeries for local carers. Anyone wanting more information or to support our appeal call the RCC on 01743 237888."

Traders welcome £1m craft village bid

PLANS for a £1 million craft village on the edge of Oswestry have been welcomed by the town's shopkeepers.

Oswestry Chamber of Commerce members hope visitors to the proposed development could also be attracted to the town centre.

They welcomed chief executive officer Barry Pearson to their meeting to discuss his vision of creating a permanent 'farmers' market village' at Moreton Park Garden Centre near the town.

The plans, which were previously outlined to St Martins Parish Council, have been put forward by the Shropshire Leisure Group which owns the garden centre, the adjoining Lord Moreton Hotel and also the nearby Lion Quays Waterside Resort.

Bosses at the leisure group are now working towards submitting the ambitious scheme, consisting of 20 wooden chalets, to Shropshire Council.

Martin Anderson, chairman of the chamber, said Mr Pearson spoke to Oswestry's businesses saying he would encourage people to visit the town centre too.

He also invited traders to become part of the development which is planned for just off the Gledrid roundabout.

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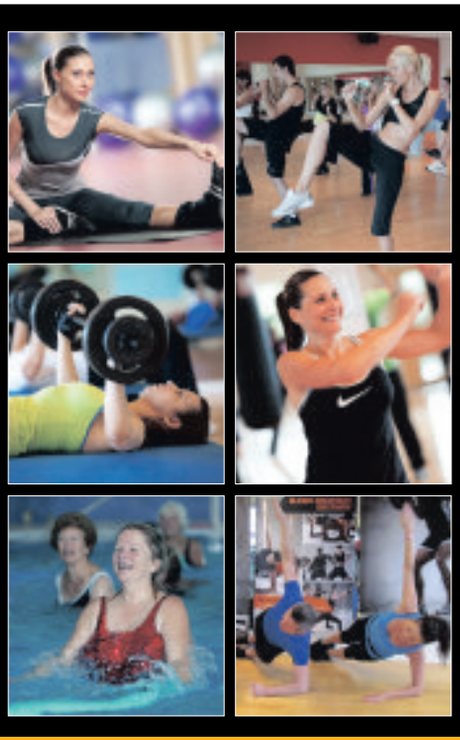

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Shoppers help store raise cash

SHOPPERS at Oswestry's Wilkinson store helped staff raise £275 for Macmillan Cancer Support during the charity's coffee morning fundraiser, bosses have said.

Customers were invited to come to the store in New Street as part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

New book club is launched for town's business people

TRADERS in Oswestry keen to get ahead are joining a new book club which has been set up just for business people.

John Waine, of Best Of Oswestry, was the brainchild behind the novel idea and says the interest in it has taken him by surprise.

He launched the idea, called Business Book Club, at Oswestry Chamber of Commerce to see who might be interested.

The idea of the club came to him after he attended a business conference a few weeks ago. He was hoping for a small group to meet and discuss books which contain tips and knowledge that could be applied to businesses.

by Chrissy Symmons

So far 15 different traders in the town have signed up to take part for the first meeting that will take place in November.

He said: "The response has been amazing.

"I think it's touched a nerve because there are just not many opportunities for businesses to sit down together and talk business practice.

"The idea came about after a business conference I attended two weeks ago. The speaker was an Olympic gold medallist from the Sydney Games called Ben Hunt-Davis.

"He has written a fantastic book about how they turned around the eight man crew from a team that lost consistently to one which beat all-comers and won the gold.

"He summed up the philosophy with this one question; Will It Make The Boat Go Faster? This book takes these success principles and applies them to business processes."

The Oswestry Chamber of Commerce is supporting the book club and local independent bookshop Booka, in Church Street, is offering 10 per cent off the book for those who want to join in.

The Business Book Club is open to anyone interested in discussing business books - but numbers are limited.

To join contact John on oswestry@thebestof.co.uk

New venture aims for record

A NEW Oswestry venture to encourage young people to start their own businesses could also help set a Guinness World Record.

The business start-up initiative has been set up by Shropshire Council in partnership with Oswestry Town Council and Shropshire Enterprise.

The group will normally meet at the Guildhall in Oswestry every second Tuesday of the month.

But next month the session will be held on November 14 to tie in with a national campaign to set a new world record for the number of business start-ups in one day.

The campaign to set the record is supported by Global Entrepreneurship Week.

The programme is open to people under 25 who are thinking about setting up their own business. Entrepreneurs keen to find out more should visit www.startuposwestry.eventbrite.com.

Staff use their loaf for cause

Mark Baggett preparing for the harvest festival at the Navigation Inn in Maesbury.

A HARVEST loaf made by staff at a pub in Shropshire was auctioned off to raise cash for Severn Hospice last Saturday.

It took two days for Jack Hatley, head chef at the Navigation Inn in Maesbury Marsh, near Oswestry, to shape the dough and bake the loaf.

The loaf was one of several food-related lots at the auction, which include a day at Ensdon Farm in Shrewsbury learning how to make sausages and a Ready Steady Cook-style experience at the Navigation Inn.

Other lots include bed and breakfast at the four star White House in Maesbury Marsh with a three course dinner for two at the Navigation Inn. Brent Ellis, co-owner of The Navigation Inn, said: "We had brilliant donations for the event.We are proud to be supporting the Severn Hospice in gratitude for the amazing work they do."

Heritage railway reinstalls old signal

OSWESTRY'S railway has a new addition to its platform thanks to a grant of more than £29,000.

Volunteers at Cambrian Heritage Railways have been working hard to reinstall a signal on the platform near Oswald Road.

The 1960s signal was recovered from Baschurch and has been completely renovated.

Part of the signal is in place and volunteers hope it will be fully restored by December.

Rob Williams, who has been helping with the restoration, said: "This signal is pretty much identical to the one that was here before it was chopped down when the last station was shut in 1972.

"We are putting up some railway landmarks."

The cash to help with the project has come from the Market Towns Initiative Fund from Shropshire Council.

"This will also go to other items being restored by the volunteers."

Roger Date, from the railway, said: "We have a programme of work that will be phased in over the next three or four months.

"The idea is to bring the platform to life."

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Clean-up plea to town dog walkers

VILLAGERS in Shropshire are being urged to clean up after their dogs.

Notices have been placed in Ruyton XI Town's village newsletter and signs and new stickers have been placed on waste bins. But it has been claimed people are still leaving their pets' mess.

Members of the parish council are now calling for residents to report any incidents they find to Shropshire Council.

The council thinks there could be more chance of firm action being taken if incidents are recorded with a photograph.

People are encouraged to fill in a Shropshire Council Online Report Form or call Shropshire Council Customer Service Centre on 0345 678 9006.

Quakers to mark peace board date

OSWESTRY Quakers will mark the centenary of the Northern Friends Peace Board with a talk by its coordinator Philip Austin entitled 'Peace Stories to Challenge and Inspire us Today.'

Philip will speak about the Peace Board's work from 1913 to the present day. He will include the story of conscientious objection and explain the significance of white poppies. People are urged to attend the talk at 7.30pm on November 6 at the Quaker Meeting House in Oak St.

Louise accounts for a busy life totting up different jobs

JUGGLING life as a farmer's wife while running her own businesses and working as treasurer for Oswestry Chamber of Commerce is no easy task, but Louise Hudson loves it.

The 31 year-old took the brave step of leaving her job at an accountancy firm in Oswestry to start her own business as an accountant and tax advisor.

She has worked in accountancy for many years but decided it was time to make the move and so far, she says, things are going well.

Louise is also working on a project with a group of Oswestry business women on a social enterprise venture to help create business opportunities for youngsters. She is a very busy woman.

"I could make life easier," she said. "but I enjoy it."

Louise has farming in her blood. She grew up on a farm in Chester before moving to another farm in north Shropshire when she was 11 years old. She has now moved to Whittington.

She has recently married a farmer and is currently helping farmers in her new business.

"Farming is quite important to me," she said.

Louise went to Thomas Adams School in Wem and spent most of her teenage years and early 20s in the young farmers' movement.

She completed her GCSEs and then decided to take her life on a different path to many of her fellow students.

"There was a lot of pressure to go and study A-levels and then go to university," she said. "I got good exam results but decided to find myself a modern apprenticeship in accountancy. Back then it was easier to get an apprenticeship."

She worked with a small Shrewsbury firm of accountants and trained for three years. Next she completed her chartered accountants training and was a fully qualified accountant by the time she was 21 years old.

After being promoted to manager she then moved to Oswestry where in April 2010 she was a partner.

She has now left to set up her new business but still be on hand to help her husband.

"Obviously I have to drop tools and help sometimes," she said. "I may have to help heard the cows or do other farm jobs.

"I will be juggling the two.

"Being part of the farm is quite important for me. It is a way of life. I have it engrained in me."

And in the little spare time she has she turns to needlework as a hobby.

"There is not a lot of time spare but I do enjoy crafty stuff.I like making my own home furnishings and curtains. I like art."

She is keen to see more women in business. During her eight years in her last job she mentored young people through their development and training to become skilled accountants.

She said: "I am quite passionate about woman getting good jobs and having businesses."

Louise Hudson, 31, enjoys her busy lifestyle.

Villages website celebrates birthday

A COMMUNITY website created for villagers around Oswestry is celebrating its first birthday.

Community Online forum started in October 2011 to help people keep in touch with residents in areas including Gobowen, Selattyn, West Felton and St Martins.

Since it started it has won awards from UnLtd and Media Trust.

It has 139 members, 59 people have liked it on Facebook, it has 147 Twitter followers, 289 new topics posted, 1,362 total posts and 155,476 total topic views.

Lee Barnfield, the founder of Community Online, said: "The final figure just shows how popular the forum has been.

"With an average of over 10,000 views a month I could of never imagined it would have grown so quickly.

"A massive thanks for everyone's support and especially to the people who have posted topics and help to provide information to the wider community."

He said if anyone had any comments or suggestions then they could post them by visiting *www.community-online.co.uk/forums/index.php?/forum/6-website-commentssuggestions/*

Mr Barnfield said he hoped the next 12 months were successful.

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War poet Owen is celebrated in big town event

Main organisers Dr Nigel Tinsley and Dean Johnson, with Janet Holmes from Sculptural Ceramics.

Visitors listening to Wilfred Owen poems, sung by Dean Johnson. *Pictures: Ian Sheppard.*

by Graham Breeze

NEVER before seen letters written by the mother of Wilfred Owen were read out in Oswestry last week, during a day dedicated to the war poet.

The letters from Susan Owen, including one written to her god daughter, Susie, formed part of a words and music event held at the library in Oswestry.

The highlight of the day was a performance of Bullets and Daffodils, the musical based on the life and works of one of Shropshire's best known sons.

Written by musician, Dean Johnson, it was performed at Oswestry Cricket Club, which is built in the grounds of Owen's first home.

Wilfred Owen was born at Plas Wilmot in Oswestry in 1893. He is widely recognised as one of the greatest voices of the First World War, with both his poems and his own letters home painting a graphic picture of the 1914-18 conflict.

Owen taught in France, working on his poetry, before the war and in 1915 enlisted in the British Army.

Two years later after service in France he suffered shell shock and returned to Britain, meeting his poetry hero, Siegfried Sassoon, who encouraged him to write poems about his war experiences.

Paddy McGee, left, and Christine Dawe.

Owen returned to the Western Front, where he was awarded the Military Cross for courage and leadership for his part in the breaking of the Hindenburg Line at Joncourt in October 1918.

But on November 4 he was killed during the battle to cross the Sambre-Oise canal at Ors, days before the end of hostilities.

Mr Johnson wrote Bullets and Daffodils after years of research into the life and works of the poet. "As a musician, Wilfred Owen's poems are a godsend," he said.

"They are perfect as lyrics. To produce something that sounds like a current rock or pop song from 100 year old poetry shows the depth of his works.

Fame

"Even if he had never written his poetry, his letters from the front line would have won him fame anyway." His letters including the last one written home to his mother.

It said: "I have been in hell itself. The ground was not mud but a tidal slurry."

One of those attending yesterday's Wilfred Owen Day was Mrs Paddy McGee from Morda. "I love Wilfred Owen's work. Hearing it performed by actors really is quite different. It truly brings the words to life."

"When it is read in the accents of the soldiers it is so powerful."

Mrs Beryl James from Oswestry happened upon the event by accident.

"I did not realise it was happening. But it has been a wonderful day," she said.

Ready to perform Bullets & Daffodils, a musical based on the life of war poet, Wilfred Owen, were, front, Dean Johnson, and, from left, Chloe Torpey, Charlotte Roberts, and Christine Dawe.

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NEWS in brief

Sing-song night at town station

A GOOD old fashioned sing-song will be staged at Oswestry station.

The event will be held at Oswestry Station Building, in Oswald Road, on December 1 from 8pm to 11pm. Campaign group Oswestry 21 and Cambrian Heritage Railways will be presenting the evening of songs with live music from singer-songwriters.

The event has been put on after organisers had success with a Pie and Pint party night in the same venue during July.

Songs at the Station will include a licensed bar with ale from Stonehouse Brewery's Cambrian Gold, wine and bar snacks.

Tickets cost £7.50 and are available from The Gates, Oswestry, or call (01691) 791626. Money raised will go to the artists. Visit *www.cambrianrailways.com* and *www.oswestry21.com*

Guided walk set for animal lovers

ANIMAL lovers are being given the chance to find out more about the kinds of wild animals that live on a nature reserve.

Shropshire Mammal Group will host the guided walk around the popular but under-recorded Llynclys Common on Sunday at 11am. Email shropshiremammalgroup@gmail.com

Hare-raising experience on autumn walk in countryside

OCTOBER is probably best known to naturalists as 'The Rutt'.

The clashing of antlers abounds in areas where red deer and fallow deer stags abound. Sadly this is not the case in the wild in Shropshire.

However any deer of any breed is most welcome when you're trying to keep warm on a chilly morning walk in the countryside.

I was skirting a field, its potato crop due to be imminently up-rooted by several tractors, but as yet, reasonably undisturbed. In the woods on the far side of the field, I had just watched a small deer, presumably a young roe, bounding away. And then, a little way along the track ahead, an even smaller deer rocketed through the undergrowth, across my path and into the hedge along which I walked.

I crept optimistically to the place where the deer vanished, peered through the hawthorn and saw, to my utmost surprise, an enormous rabbit sat upright staring back at me. This was not, I realised, a second deer, but a large and handsome hare – my walk had certainly warmed up.

Camouflaged

The brown hare is a larger, more athletic relative of the rabbit. It is able to adapt to a variety of habitats and so is one of the most widely distributed land animals in the world. No other British mammal is better able to survive in totally open habitats where it is at the mercy of severe weather conditions and predators.

However, although it may look like an oversized rabbit, the hare is solitary and does not dig burrows. It is important though for it to remain as camouflaged as possible; easier said than done when you're the size of a small deer.

The dappled brown colouring certainly helps in making the animal less conspicuous but it will aid its disappearing act in 'top form'. During daylight hours, the hare will rest and sleep in a shallow scrape it makes, called a 'form'. With its ears laid flat, the animal is virtually invisible in a muddy field.

Helpfully the hare's method of relaxing is also the best way it has for avoiding predator detection. Although an adult has little to worry from our British carnivores, the young (called 'leverets') can easily fall prey to foxes, badgers, birds of prey, stoats and weasels, being unable to outrun them.

Although their cousins, the rabbits, are born blind, naked and helpless, baby hares are born fully furred and with their eyes open.

After birth, the mother puts each leveret in its own form, usually in long grass, and visits them once every night, to suckle them. While she is away, the leverets lie low and still, to avoid detection by predators. When the mother returns, she gives them a low call and their answering cries help her to find them.

So when's the best time to see a hare? Well, choose a large field to scan at dawn or dusk. Bare fields are best but cow fields can be productive, and watch for this enigmatic lagomorph (not rodent) to make an appearance. To finish with, an interesting comparison can be drawn with cows, for not only are hares often found in grass-munching collaboration with a group of friendly Friesians, but their digestive habits are, on one level, similar.

Cows must chew their cud several times in order to digest it. Hares on the other hand produce soft faeces during the day which they then (re)eat. This means that the food in these faeces is digested a second time, extracting more nutrition from it. On top of this, their droppings also contain bacteria which help to break down other foods in the stomach. During the night, hard, round faeces are produced and these are, perhaps sensibly, left well alone.

Ben's wildlife art work can be seen at the Gallery Tearooms, Princess Street, Shrewsbury.

ON THE WILD SIDE with Ben Waddams

***Alert – Hare* by Ben Waddams.**

Weekend of events at church a success

MORE than 100 people took part in a weekend of celebrations to mark the 140th anniversary of an Oswestry church.

Various events were organised by Christ Church United Reformed Church, including the cutting of a celebration cake by its longest serving member, Mrs Ada Power.

Church member Jayne Middleton said: "It was a wonderful weekend full of celebration with over 100 people attending the various events.

"People came along to the church to see the historical archives which had been displayed on tables, including old photos and documents going back to the late 19th century as well as more recent information.

"There was also the Birthday Bazaar which had a fabulous selection of gift items, bric a brac, jewellery, books, cakes and refreshments.

"The traditional Harvest Festival was taken by the United Reform Church's interim moderator, Dr John Hall, with all the usual harvest hymns, and the Girls' Brigade entertained the congregation with a harvest song.

"There followed a special lunch prepared by Alwena Martin for nearly 40 people.

"At 6pm there was a special celebratory Songs of Praise service."

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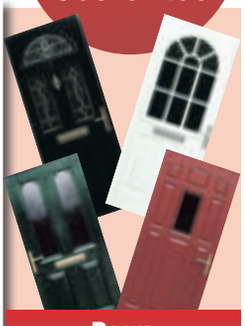

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Changing face of market

Then – and then! On the left we can see Oswestry's Central Car Park in 2001 and the same view from the same point of the cattle market in 1936.

WE like to bring you something different from time to time, so here it is – something different.

by Toby Neal

You'll probably have seen books of photos on the "then and now" theme, so this is a slight twist, because strictly speaking this is "then and then".

We have overlaid an old picture showing Oswestry cattle market with, well, an old picture of the same scene from the same viewpoint, albeit not that old – it dates from around October 2001.

So, if you were driving a car in Oswestry 11 years ago, there's just a chance it might be one of those in the car park.

Back then the Central Car Park was estimating its income for the year to be £180,000, so it was a major moneyspinner for Oswestry Town Council. Fees started at 30p for up to an hour and rose to £5 for 24 hours.

The change from a cattle market to a car park came in 1969. The town centre cattle market was considered too small and closed when, on January 15 that year, the new Smithfield was opened on a 26-acre site at the edge of town at a cost of around £400,000.

Part of the old site was available for parking by the following Christmas. Our picture of the old cattle market is a postcard which was franked on September 15, 1936, and which was loaned to us by Bridgnorth postcard collector Ray Farlow.

Newspaper reports of the advent of the new Smithfield don't make clear how long the cattle market was at the town centre location, but it must have been many years.

To get your orientation, English Walls is on the left and we are looking towards Salop Road.

Triathlete flys flag for town in contest

ONE of Shropshire's Olympic torch bearers will be flying the flag for Great Britain again next week as part of the GB Triathlon team taking part in the World Championships in New Zealand.

Linda Arthan, from Oswestry, is a member of the over 55s womens' age group team that will compete against the rest of the world in the Olympic-length event on October 22.

The former Marches School teacher, who still does locum teaching, will watch the elite men and elite women's races in the two days before her own event.

She has been taking part in triathlons – which involve a swim, bike and run – since 1999 and been involved in five world championships.

"It is a wonderful sport in which people of all abilities can get involved. To be part of a team that includes the elite runners and Olympic medal winners is wonderful."

Linda qualified for the World Championships at the Ellesmere Triathlon where she was second lady home.

Fault causes fire

AN electrical fault is believed to have caused a fire which damaged two cars and three bins in Llanyblodwel on Sunday. The blaze broke out shortly before 11.30pm.

Students in festive puddings venture

YOUNG entrepreneurs have launched their own homemade luxury Christmas puddings onto the retail market.

The 'Perfect Pud' venture is being spearheaded by Moreton Hall's sixth formers Olivia Knights and Robyn Minshall as part of Moreton Enterprise.

The Weston Rhyn pupils have been giving business presentations to local retailers and the girls have had order requests from retailers including Lewis's Farm shop in Eyton and Hill Valley Golf Club in Whitchurch.

The girls have also been asked to hold an 'introduction' event at Applegate's, in Chester. They are now anticipating orders from a number of other shops which have seen their presentations.

Olivia said: "A few years ago Moreton Enterprises teamed up with our school's award winning chef to produce luxury Christmas puddings to sell to parents and staff. It has been so successful that this year we decided to see if we could sell them to the general public through local retailers."

Jonathan Forster, the school's principal, said: "This is what Moreton Enterprises is about.

"It encourages students to explore business ideas and actually roll their sleeves up."

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Birthplace of poet is made a listed building

by Graham Breeze

THE birthplace of Shropshire war poet Wilfred Owen has been designated a listed building by English Heritage.

Plas Wilmot in Oswestry, built as a family home in 1829, is now Grade II-listed, putting strict rules on how the building can be repaired or altered.

Those who have campaigned for the listing hope that the news will stop the building of seven new homes in the Plas Wilmot orchards.

Mr Owen was born at Plas Wilmot in 1893. He went on to become one of the greatest voices of the First World War, through his poems and his letters and died in battle on the Western Front in 1918, just days before peace was declared.

His birthplace in Weston Lane in Oswestry is owned by the Park family from the south of England.

Earlier this year the family was granted planning permission for a development of seven homes within the large orchard at Plas Wilmot, a scheme which it says will leave the house and its immediate curtilage untouched.

The family said it wished to make no comment about the listing.

The planning application was objected to by several individuals and organisations including Oswestry Civic Society and the Wilfred Owen Association.

Rachel Williams, from English Heritage, said: "We have now considered all the representations made and completed our assessment of the building. Having considered our recommendation, the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport has decided to add Plas Wilmot to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. The building is now listed at Grade II."

She said Mr Owen was born at the house, reportedly in the first floor central bedroom.

Rosemary plays hall

AS part of her 60th anniversary tour Rosemary Squires played a matinee concert at Welshpool Town Hall last Friday. She is pictured with her band members, from left, Brian Dee and Tom Hill.

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Acoustic singer set for Welshpool date

GIG GUIDE with Chrissy Symmons

IF YOU are looking for a evening of live music in Welshpool tonight (Thursday) then head down to the Royal Oak Hotel.

Acoustic singer Louise Jordan will be at the venue as part of her UK tour.

Her music has been described as haunting and unforgettable and the composer and writer can sing as well as play the guitar, piano and cello.

Her performance at The Royal Oak is to help promote her second album Florilegium.

Florilegium is a Latin word meaning anthology and the songs describe a range of human emotions and experiences.

Both graceful and engaging, Louise's music is said to be as simple as it is complex.

Full details of Louise's performances can be found at louise jordan.co.uk/gigs/

Tomorrow Dangerous Dave will be performing at a pub near Welshpool.

The Lowfield Inn, Marton, will be hosting the musician from 8pm for a night of free music. For more information visit www.lowfieldinn.com

Also on Friday night the two-piece band OK Brother will be playing at Welshpool's Royal Oak.

As darkness falls in Oswestry on Saturday night a community choir will form on The Bailey Head to perform the song Supermarket.

Acoustic singer Louise Jordan will be in Welshpool.

It has been penned by resident Neil Phillips and a large screen will be put up for films to accompany the singing.

It is due to start at about 6.30pm after the town's Apple Day celebrations. Afterwards head to The Ironworks, in Oswestry, for a gig with band Crossfire supported by Silent Blackout. Music is due to start at 9pm.

If you are in Welshpool on Saturday night the Royal Oak will be holding a night of laughs from 7.30pm with its Comedy Saturday.

On Sunday fans of jazz are invited to The Ironworks from 12.30pm until 2.30pm. During the afternoon there will be resident traditional and Swing band The Chicago Swing Katz performing sounds of the New Orleans and Chicago, Louis Armstrong, Kenny Ball, Acker Bilk.

The Jazz Club will also have a raffle, a bar and lunches available.

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Welshpool livestock market

October 15

OTMS (56)

An entry of 56 over thirty month cattle sold to average 123ppkg for the cows, 140ppkg and 144ppkg for the heifers and steers under 48months old. A Limousin cow weighing 801kg from CV & EM Lewis Buttington New Hall achieving the top market price of £1345.68. Another limousin cow sold very well to £1183.35 from EG & AW Pugh Cefn. A younger Charolais cow from T P W Davies Lawnt Isaf sold for £1279.22. CV & EM Lewis Buttington New Hall receives the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price older cow sold on the day. If you require any further information regarding this section please contact the market on 01938 553438 or the Auctioneer Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999.

FAT CATTLE (11)

Only 11 fat heifers on offer for sale day, selling to a top price of 216ppkg for a Limousin weighing 539kg from I Willan Tymawr. Mr I M Willan also sold another Limousin heifer to 178ppkg. Jones Brothers Ystradolwyn sold two limousins to 215ppkg and 192ppkg. I M Willan Tymawr receives the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price per kilo animal sold on the day. Weekly sale of Fat cattle every Monday at approximately12.30pm. More Fat Cattle urgently required to meet a very strong demand from potential purchasers. If you have require any advise or wish to sell fat cattle at the market please contact the auctioneer Mr Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999 or the market office on 01938 553438.

PRIME LAMBS (5957)

An entry of 5957 Prime lambs, selling to an overall average of 156ppkg.

Lights (25.5kg to 32kg) (325) to 156ppkg from J G Ellis & Son Tynewydd. Others to 152ppkg from J G Jones Cefnbrith. Average of 136ppkg.

Standards (32.1kg to 39kg) (1041) to 171ppkg from E Jones Cefncoch. Others to 167ppkg from AJ & JC Daniel Abergwydol. Average of 152ppkg.

Mediums (39.5kg to 45.5kg) (2501) to 177ppkg from J I Evans Belan Yr Argau. Others to 176ppkg from WW & OR Watkin Bronygarth. Average of 159ppkg.

Heavies (45.1kg to 52kg) (1781) to 168ppkg from G E Meaden Cross Lane Cottage. Others to 165ppkg from EJ & AJ Roberts Longlands. Average of 151ppkg.

Over Weights (Over 52kg) (221) to 150ppkg from D & G Andrew Lower Brynygroes. Others to 149ppkg from J Meredith Lodge Farm. Average of 143ppkg.

CULL EWE (2631)

An entry of 2631 cull sheep on offer for sale today, sold to average £47.06 for the ewes and £72.37 for the rams. Top price of the day for the ewes was £111 per head from J Stonall Nursery Cottage. Top price for the cull rams was £214 per head from A J Rees Baerthabley. Weekly sale of cull sheep to immediately follow the sale of fat lambs at approximately 12noon.

STORE LAMBS & IN LAMB EWES

An increases en try of 1200 store lambs making an average of £45.26. Theave lambs achieving a top price of £70 from N Bowden & Son Lower Gelli. A large entry of 399 mixed and clean lambs achieving and average of £61.50 from Cefncoed Farms.Wether lambs achieving a top price of £58.80 from DA Williams Tanyclawdd. A large entry of 521 tup lambs making a top price of £63 from P Andrew Lower Fachwen. Store Ewes.

A good entry of 1455 breeding ewes achieving an average price of £75 yearling ewes making a top price of £132 from Lythwood Sheep Ltd. Two year old ewes achieving a top price of £92 from DN & DW Jones Plasnewydd. Three year old ewes achieving a top price of £76 from DN & D W Jones Plasnewydd. Full Mouth ewes achieving an average of £86 from S & DJ Williams Cefnllech. As found ewes achieving a top price of £61. Ewe Lambs made a top price of £99 from RH & GJ Richards Rhosfawr. Sale of store lambs to commence at 10.30am prompt followed by the breeding ewes at 11am.

SUPPLEMENTARY TEXEL RAM SALE

Welshpool Livestock Sales report on good entry of Pedigree Texel Rams at their Annual supplementary Sale on behalf of the Shropshire and border Texel club. The only 2 year old sheep in the sale from the Forrester of Twemlows kicked off the sale to a flying start start selling at 820gns to Jones Bronheulwen Llanidloes. Of the 46 yearling rams forward 31 were sold to average £334.65. Three top prices of £610, £530 and £520gns was from SP & CP Williams Woolascott Farm, with RM & G Hughes Tycanol selling at 460gns and 420gns. Of the 19 ram lambs forward 17 sold to average £221.74. M & S Jones Lower Forest had three lambs in the top prices being 300gns, 260gns and 250gns. The annual in Lamb sale for the club will take place on Monday 17th December 2012.

FORTHCOMING SALES:

Monday 22nd October, Sale of Dairy Cows.

Monday 29th October, Sale of Cows and Calves.

Tuesday 30th October, October Store Cattle Fair.

Thursday 1st November, Sale of Pedigree Limousin Cattle.

Saturday 3rd November, Sale of Pedigree In Lamb British Berrichon & Charollais Ewes.

Welsh Mules and Ewe Lambs sale

Welshpool Livestock Sales report on a successful October Sale of Welsh Mules ewes and Ewe Lambs On belhalf of the Welsh Mule Sheep Bred Association at Welshpool on Thursday 11th October 2012.

The catalogue drew an entry of over 8000 sheep. The 1398 yearling ewes averaged £133.89 peaking at £152 per head from G Price Hafod & D I Roberts & Son Stingwern. Other notable prices where as follows:

£147 C J Beynon & Partners Great Pitton.

£146 J E Evans & Son Middle Nanserth.

£146 G Price Hafod

£145 B K Rees Penbryncennau

The Ewe lambs averaged £91.34. J Thomas & Son Tan House topped the market with £125 per head. M P Rees Upper Pentre achieved £123 on two occasion. Other notable prices where:

£122 J Thomas & Son Tan House.

£121 J Thomas & Son Tan House.

£120 J Thomas & Son Tan House.

£116 J S Abel Hendre Aur.

Oswestry cattle auctions

October 10

FAT CATTLE: (57)

A very limited number of cattle on show with some very mixed cattle in our averages mainly lacking flesh. Top slots hit 217p for Bulls 210p for Steers and 205p for Heifers. Highest price in the lump was £1331 for a Steer. Bottom book was 100p for a Friesian Bull. Overall market average of 175p was achieved.

Young Bulls (29) Overall Average 173p.

Light Bulls (8) Average 156p (£650/head) Selling to 199p from N E & F Barratt Morton Hall Farm

Medium Bulls (11) Average 181p (£935/head) Selling to 217p from I M Willan Tymawr

Heavy Bulls (10) Average 175p (£1075/head) Selling to 195p from H Howells Tynyrwtra

Steers (13) Overall Average 173p.

Light Steers (2) Average 139p (£605/head) Selling to 150p from T I Morris Trewern

Medium Steers (5) Average 163p (£865/head) Selling to 193p from G Jones Clochnant

Heavy Steers (6) Average 187p (£1225/head) Selling to 210p from G Thomas Llwynhir

Heifers (15) Overall Average 181p

Medium Heifers (4) Average 164p (£765/head) Selling to 187p from W Hughes & Son Waen Farm

Heavy Heifers (11) Average 186p (£970/head) Selling to 205p from W Hughes & Son Waen Farm

A solid trade throughout for what was on offer but we are desperately short of well fleshed handyweight butchers cattle. Thank you for your continued support

FAT LAMBS: (3201)

Report on yet a very consistent entry of 3201 fat lambs comparing very much on par to the entry the same week last year. The overall average of the day was 154.5p/kg. 559 light lambs levelled at 147.5p/kg peaking at 162p/kg with 32kg lambs from D R Jones Thomas Ty Issa making £51.80. The 711 standard lambs levelled at 154p/kg with the tups being in very good demand the top price was £65 for 36kg lambs being 181p/kg from J A Watkin Abernaint. The 1322 medium lambs levelled at 157p/kg with the top being 183p/kg from M & S Jones Lower Forest Farm with 43kg lambs making £78.80. Top call of the day was £79.20 from H C & F C Roberts Wolfs Head.

Superlights to 151p average 145.5p Lights to 162p average 147.5p, Standards to 181p average 154p, Mediums to 183p average 157p, Heavy's to 163p average 150p, Others to 142p average 137p. Overall average 154.5p.

More lambs are required each week to meet the increasing demand ready for the Ramadan festival

FAT EWES: (852)

Ewes to £95.00 average £29.50, Rams to £118.00, average £53.50

Please Note : All sheep entering the market must be tagged.

CALVES: (91)

Quite a substantial entry today selling to much lesser demand for all categories. Best continental males to £315 females to £285 Friesians topping at £180 killing calves totally discounted. Charolais Bulls topping at £315 from Messrs Hickson Kilhendre £300 from Messrs Best Pentrego. Limousin Bulls to £298 from Messrs Jones Ladyhill £284 from Messrs Jones Moreton Farm. Simmental Bulls to £295 from Messrs Evans Halton Farm £280 from Messrs Evans Trawscoed Farm. British Blue Bulls to £290 from Messrs Johnson Pengwern Hall £280 from Messrs Edwards Ty Newydd £270 from Messrs Jones Maesderw. Charolais Heifers to £285 & £265 from Messrs Pryce Coedmawr. British Blue Heifers to £255 from Messrs Evans Halton Farm. Limousin Heifers to £230 from Messrs Lloyd Roberts Pennant Farm Friesian Bulls to £180 from Messrs Lammie Kenwick Wood Farm £132 from Messrs Davies Lower Fawnog £111 from Messrs Edwards Lower Sweeney £105 & £99 from Messrs Jones Lyneal Hall

STORE CATTLE: (237)

A good entry of quality cattle met with a slightly slower trade however wintering bullocks would have been sharper than the last sale. Top price of the day went to H M Jones, Bala with a Charolais x steer aged 20 months selling for £1470 (233p/kg) & a pair aged 19 months selling for £1400 (233p/kg). 111 steers forward averaged £937 (206p/kg) with notable prices including: W T Thomas, Llanarmon D C topped an excellent run of Limousin x steers with 1 aged 20 months selling for £1455 (224p/kg) & 5 aged 16-20 months selling for £1025 (226p/kg); £1025 paid for a British Blue x steer aged 14 months sold by D I Jones, Llanfechain; £990 (220p/kg) paid for 3 Limousin x steers aged 15-17 months sold by D I Jones & Partners, Whittington. £605 (224p/kg) paid for 4 Charolais x steers aged 7 months sold by J E M Savage, Loppington. 124 heifers forward averaged £816 (185p/kg) with notable prices including: £990 (211p/kg) paid for a Charolais x heifer aged 17 months sold by W G Jones, Meifod; £960 (204p/kg) paid for a Limousin x heifer aged 19 months sold by E J Morris & Son, Brithdir; £890 (212p/kg) paid for a pair of Limousin x heifers aged 19-20 months sold by J & B Richards, Marchwiel; £1045 (201p/kg) paid for 5 Limousin x heifers aged 17-19 months sold by S Hudson, Lower Frankton. Our next catalogued sale will be held on the 17th October with entries invited for future sales on the 24th and 31st October.

U72 & CULL COWS: (87)

An entry of 87 Cattle met with a similar trade. There were a high proportion of plain cows forward which impacted upon the average price Continental and finished cows were a good trade. Top price Steer 178p/kg, top price Cow 146p/kg top price Heifer 145p/kg

Cows

Charolais to 137p average 113.33p/kg

Limousin to 146p average 121.42p/kg

Belgian Blue to 123p average 111.42p/kg

Hereford to 119p average 100.09p/kg

Welsh Black to 110p average 94.45p/kg

Friesian to 122p average 91.42p/kg

Heifers

Friesian to 145p

Welsh Black to 122p

Steers

Belgian Blue to 178p

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Arthurs gets set for Network Q event

Network Q, the nationally known Vauxhall used car programme, is combining with one of its top dealers with branches in Shropshire and Mid Wales to hold a major used car sales event.

Award-winning Arthurs Vauxhall of Oswestry and Newtown will be holding the special Network Q used car event in its showrooms this weekend, October 20 and 21.

Arthurs Vauxhall will have access to more than 1,000 Network Q used cars at prices ranging from £4,000-£25,000.

Said Ben Phillips, sales controller at Arthurs of Oswestry: "We are extremely privileged to be offered this rare opportunity to co-host such a big event for Network Q.

"We believe we will be given preferential buying opportunities with Network Q cars over this weekend and we anticipate there will be a great demand for these quality used cars at bargain prices.

"It has been arranged for a senior manager from Network Q to be available over the weekend to ensure we can offer customers at both branches the best possible prices.

"As well as being able to offer a fantastic selection of Network Q Vauxhalls, we have also managed to negotiate with Vauxhall Finance to have extremely competitive finance rates on all cars purchased over this weekend."

Craig Huxley, sales consultant, prepares for the Network Q weekend event

Wide area

He added: "In summary, we shall have a significant number of Network Q cars available at preferential prices – and all available with a low rate of interest. So for anyone considering changing their car this is an opportunity not to be missed.

"We should have a car to suit everyone's budget and we are expecting visitors over a wide area, from Telford, Shrewsbury and Wrexham."

Said Nigel Williams, managing director of Arthurs Vauxhall: "We consider it to be a great honour to work with Network Q on this event.

"We are confident that with Network Q's backing it will be a great success. We will have access to over 1,000 cars through the online facility available to Network Q dealers.

"We are very much looking forward to a great event for Network Q, Arthurs and our customers," added Mr Williams.

Philip Ellson, left, is welcomed to Arthurs by Ben Phillips

Bank on new man Philip

A man whose career has been split between the banking and motor industries has joined a local business.

Philip Ellson, 58, is the new sales consultant at Arthurs of Oswestry, the award-winning Vauxhall dealership.

He has been welcomed to the team by sales controller Ben Phillips who said: "It is great to have someone with Philip's experience on board and I am sure his attitude and approach to customers will be an asset.

"We are all about providing customer satisfaction and Philip has quickly settled into our mind set."

Philip, whose home is in Oswestry, spent 22 years in the bank, rising from clerk to manager. He has been in the motor industry since 1996, the last 10 years of which have been in Shropshire.

He is pleased that at the age of 17 he worked for a Vauxhall dealership, spending three years in parts, service reception and sales.

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Swedes stick with winning formula

Sturdy Swede – the Volvo XC90 will appeal to the safety aware driver

A mobile app can provide a vehicle health check at the flick of a switch

Volvo's mid-sized crossover SUV the XC90 has been with us since 2002 and it is fair to say is probably due for a re-generation – after all ten years as the first generation, although tweaked over those years, is far longer than Dr Who manages.

But it looks as though the earliest we might see a new face is in 2013.

However the 2012 version with refinements to both the interior and exterior is well worth a drive. On the plus side it is cheaper than most of its rivals but it can be more expensive to run and residuals can be disappointing.

But the Volvo with its safety image will still appeal to those who want security around them.

When launched, the XC90 offered a unique blend of attractive styling, practicality and seven-seat versatility that saw it become a hit. Since then, the XC range has grown with the XC70 and the introduction of the award winning XC60.

The XC90 is designed to give an elegant, muscular and robust impression, which has been reinforced through a number of refined details.

The day running light configuration using LEDs in the lower bumper gives the front more character. The redesigned silver metallic bumper bar as well as silver roof rails are now standard on all variants. There is also a lower door moulding and all XC90 specifications are now fully colour-coordinated.

The tail lamps have dual light guides, LED brake lights and a silver turn indicator bulb (still with orange light). There's also a six-spoke 18-inch wheel in a silver matt finish.

Inside the feeling is fairly luxurious and

By Sharon Walters

includes a three-spoke steering wheel, aluminium décor as standard and the watch dial-inspired instrument design with white lighting.

There is also bags of space, as you would expect in a car of this size.

And space is flexible with five and seven-seat options.Passengers in the second row can slide their seats right back if needed but legroom for adult third-row passengers is a little tight. However children are fine.

More importantly even with seven-up you still get a fair luggage space with 500mm of boot length left.

Flexibility

And that second row of seats is actually three independent seats which can all be moved forwards and backwards independently. So even more flexibility and it is really easy to move those seats.

For those carrying children the outer seats have Isofix mounts and the centre seat slides forward so that a child can sit almost between the front seats.

You can remove a bolster cushion and also the rear centre console box.

An Executive specification has exclusive options including soft leather seats with ventilation and massage.

An R-Design version is a little more sporty with a special chassis.

The Volvo On Call system can be combined with Bluetooth mobile phone connection. The system has music streaming from a preferred Bluetooth enabled portable music player. Volvo is the only car brand to offer Bluetooth music streaming throughout the entire vehicle range.

In addition there is a mobile application that makes sure that the driver can stay in touch with the parked car via an iPhone or Android smart phone. The mobile application is an extension of Volvo On Call.

Owners of Volvos from Model Year 2012 with Volvo On Call can download the mobile application that opens up a range of possibilities, such as:

- Car locator. The location of the car is shown on a map. There is also a digital compass that points the driver in the right direction.
- Vehicle dashboard. This feature gives the driver access to a wide range of information: fuel level, remaining range to empty tank, average fuel consumption, average speed, odometer reading and trip meter reading.
- Car check. The mobile app performs a "health" check of the car, displaying information about bulbs, brake fluid level, coolant level, engine oil level and engine oil pressure.

Being a Volvo, safety equipment headlines the equipment list. SIPS (Side Impact Protection System and airbags), WHIPS (Whiplash Protection System) and IC (Inflatable Curtain) are all standard, along with dual-stage driver and front passenger airbags.

You only get the choice of one engine now – the 2.4 litre D5 AWD, and while not speedy there's still enough power to get you out of trouble. You can get from 0-60mph in 9.7 seconds and there is a top speed of 127mph.

The six-speed automatic gearbox is fairly slick and braking is excellent – as I found out when a deer careered in front of me in the dark on the Ironbridge bypass.

It's not an extreme off-roader thanks to its all-independent suspension and relatively low-set floorpan, but it managed a grassy and rocky track up to me friend's remote home with ease.

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SPORT

Lions hold on after a Williams is sent off

Scott Bright who scored two more for the Lions

Clee Hill 2 Oswestry Lions 3

The Lions made their longest trip of the season and it was a trip worth while returning with another three points, ***writes Ian Jones.***

It was the home team who started brightest with some slick passing through the midfield.

But after 10 minutes the Lions had settled into their passing game and on 13 minutes it was Ben Williams who opened the scoring with a well placed shot into the bottom right corner of the net.

As the conditions deteriorated the Lions took complete control of the game but struggled to make another breakthrough.

But on 40th minutes some great work down the wing by Gary Windsor and Gary Jones resulted in Ben Williams setting up Scott Bright to fire the ball into the top right hand corner

The Lions should have made in threeon the stroke of half time when Martin Cheeseman saw his header well saved by the Clee Hill keeper.

The rain continued to lash down as the second half got under way and within five minutes of the restart the Lions suffered a major blow when Ben Williams received red card.

The Lions now a man down still looked the better side and on 60 minutes some great work by left back Joe Evans saw Scott Bright wriggle through a number of challenges to slot the ball home to make in three nil.

Within minutes the hosts hit back with a well take goal that left keeper Darren Powellwith no chance.

Pressure was mounting on the 10 man Lions but the midfield duo of Tom Steadman and Oliver Jones kept them moving forward.

The next two chances fell to Super sub Adam Jones who hit the post and saw his second effort saved .

Clee managed to breach the lions defence to score a second goal with a few minutes left.

Next week the lions travel to Telford to take on top of the table Madley Sports with a 3pm KO.

Runners on form in championship

THE North Shropshire Cross Country Championships held recently at The Grove, Market Drayton saw some strong performances from across all age groups.

Moreton teams won overall.

They came first in both the Year 7 and the Years 10/11 categories and made sure of their top spot by coming second in the Years 8/9 category.

Lakelands School prevented a Moreton trio of wins by storming home in the Year 8/9 category.

"We saw some superb athletes in action", commented Cross Country coach, Lulu Lewin.

"Lily Roberts and Millie Home came second and third in the younger age group while Kitty Peel and Olivia Papaioannou came first and second in the older age group.

"We have some very strong runners who are working hard; we are very proud to have won this event."

Pictured from left to right are Millie Home, Kitty Peel, Olivia Papaioannou and Lily Roberts

Oswestry joy turns to tears as Vagabonds take control

Vagabonds 29 Oswestry 5

OSWESTRY faced the task of shoring up their defence this week after suffering a disappointing 29-5 loss at Isle of Man side Vagabonds in the South Lancs Cheshire Two.

With a long journey in front of them, Oswestry set out in buoyant mood after their 67-0 hammering of fellow Islanders Ramsey the previous week. But they soon found themselves trailing after three minutes as the lively Vagabonds scrum half received the ball just inside the Oswestry half and weaved his way through the defence with ease to score under the post for a converted score.

The Eagles gathered themselves for the restart, but a poor clearance out of defence sent the ball into the arms of the Vagabonds backline who attacked the blind side to score another try to stun the visitors.

However, they hit back when Sam Wright made a superb individual break before being stopped just short of the Vagabonds try line.

But after a period of continuous pressure, the Eagles scored off a driving maul from a five yard lineout with Thomas Thorpe taking the credit.

But their joy was shortlived when, straight from the restart, a quick throw-in by Vagabonds and some good handling caught the visiting defence napping as the home side ran in a third try – all in 14 minutes.

Crossed

Stung into action, Oswestry began to compete in a game that was end-to-end stuff and managed to silence the home crowd but an injury to young fly half Dan Williams disrupted the game.

With the referee awarding penalties for both sides around the contact area, the game petered out until the last 10 minutes when Vagabonds crossed for a couple of further tries.

Despite the defeat, Oswestry can take heart from their performance

But the Eagles must sort out their defence this week before Saturday's home fixture against Southport kick off 3pm.

RUGBY
by John Bridgwater

Late penalty is just the job for injury-hit team

A DEPLETED Oswestry II edged out visiting Warrington II 11-10 thanks to a late penalty to move towards mid-table in the Raging Bull North West League division three south.

Despite missing skipper Jerry Wilford through injury and other key members of the team to first team call-ups, the Eagles battled manfully to win by the narrowest of margins.

Receiving the kick-off in wet and windy conditions Oswestry gained immediate ground through the hard running of converted second row Adam Haythorn.

Using all his skills learnt plying his trade in the backs Haythorn repeatedly used deft of touch and quick of mind to flummox oncoming tacklers to put Oswestry on the front foot.

Learning from his good example, it was not long before the returning Ben Drury used some not so subtle tactics to power through poor Warrington tackling for the game's first try.

As the game began to settle and conditions worsen, poor handling from the Oswestry let Warrington gain a foothold in the match.

The knock-ons mounted up for the Eagles and it became clear that Warrington had the best of the scrum on the day giving them good possession in dangerous areas, but they were kept at bay by some fine defence by squaddie Jake Richards.

The Eagles rang the changes at half time with Aiden Locke and Steve Jarvis coming on to provide some pace and experience in the ailing pack while Craig Howell brought some added guile to the back line.

Oswestry II 11 Whitchurch II 10

However, poor work from the home pack at the breakdown left gaps with Warrington needing no invitation to score two unconverted tries to lead the game 10-8 going into the closing 10 minutes.

Oswestry regrouped under the posts and a quick team talk from stand-in captain Dave Richardson spurred them into action. A long kick into Warrington territory from fly half Luca Owen-Youens was hounded by the tireless trio of Jake Richards, Craig Howell and Jamie Luckett forcing the opposition fullback into a mistake giving Oswestry the territory they needed to mount a final push at the visiting line.

The Eagles were unable to penetrate the Warrington whitewash but did manage to force a decisive penalty that proved the difference between the two sides at the end, Oswestry winning 11-10.

Next up for Oswestry is the difficult away trip to Glossop on Saturday where the Eagles will be hoping to gain some much needed momentum.

Challenge Cup dream is over after home defeat

Llanrhaear bowed out of the Montgomeryshire Challenge Cup at the first hurdle with a 2-1 exit at home to Dyffryn Banw. Goals fro Rhodri Davies and Guy Wolverson saw Banw through to the second round, with Barry Morris responding.

Llanfyllin went out 3-1 at Kerry, Bryn Thomas getting their reply. **Llangedwyn** were edged out on penalties against Newtown after the sides had finished 2-2.

James Broadbent and Nick Jones were on the mark for Llangedwyn, with Aaron Warwick and Drew Hughes replying for the Robins.

Churchstoke were beaten 4-2 at Abermule whose Matt Mumford scored twice.

The New Saints, meanwhile, marched on in the FAW Welsh Youth Cup with a 3-1 win over Brickfield Rangers Youth with Ryan Jones netting twice in the first half, and sub Ryan Kershaw getting the third after the break.

Young Eagles have landed new kit

Oswestry's young Eagles rugby team with the sponsors of their new match kit

OSWESTRY Rugby Club have launched a new era in the club's history. To build on the already popular mini and junior sections at the club, they have now unveiled a new match kit for their junior teams.

The kit supplied by local firm and main club sponsor Sewprint, is sponsored by local community interest company Treflach Farm, to enhance the clubs community feel, the kit also carries the Hope House logo to raise awareness of this important charity.

Club chairman Steve Charmley said: "The club has rebranded itself over the summer, all our mini and junior players are now known as Young Eagles.

"Rugby is not about winning at all cost, but it endorses the core values of the game, which include teamwork, discipline and respect. To help us create a brand which reflects these values, it was a priority for the club to link up with two like minded organisations. It is important for our players to understand what opportunities there are at places such as Treflach Farm but also to remind them how lucky they are, by raising awareness of organisations such as Hope House."

Ian Steele from Treflach Farm said: "I am very pleased to be sponsoring the junior section at the rugby club, the commitment and organisation shown by the club is simply incredible, the values that the game revolves around are similar to those which I was brought up with."

Kelly Goodall from Hope Hospice added:"I would like to thank the club for hosting our logo and helping to raise awareness in the community, a big thank you to Sewprint as well, for adding it to the shirts at no cost to the club."

Trophy winners are bowled over

MEMBERS of Wynnstay Bowling Club reflected on a great year of beating the rain, when they collected their end of year trophies at Oswestry's Wynnstay Hotel last Thursday.

And there were special cheers for new members Pam Bridge and Kath Howarth – Pam for being in the winning 'triples' team with Eddie Boddison and Ted Lewis, during her first season, and Kath, in her first year, for collecting the Captain's prize for her 'enthusiasm, attendance and ability'.

Club Captain Steve Theobald congratulated both for creating such a great impression so soon after joining.

And he thanked all members for another great season, where members miraculously managed to avoid monsoon conditions most weeks.

Entertainment, at the presentation evening, was provided by Oswestry's Libby Gliksman.

Awards included Brian Cowley and Pat McDonald (winners non-league doubles), Steve Theobald and Judy Bristol (runners up mixed doubles), Ted Lewis (Jubilee Cup winner), Val Francis, (Jubilee Cup runner up), Eddie Boddison, Pam Bridge and Ted Lewis (winners of the triples), Steve Theobald and Annette Jones (runners up non league doubles). Annette Jones (runner up ladies doubles), Brian Cowley (winner men's singles), Pat and Steve Theobald and Pat McDonald (runners up triples), Eddie Boddison (runner up, non finalists), Pat Mabe and Eddie Boddison (winner of mixed doubles), Kath Howarth (Captain's prize), and finally the Captain himslef, Steve Theobald (for being the highest scorer and winning support trophies).

Bowling club President Derrick Francis, left, presents the Captain's Cup to Kath Howarth, with Captain Steve Theobald looking on. Picture by Geoff Armitage.

PLACINGS

Mercian Regional Football League

Premier division: Allscott FC 1, Oakengates Athletic 0; Church Stretton 1, Morda Utd 1; Shifnal Utd 97 2, Weston Rhyn 0; AFC Ludlow 2, Telford Juniors 0; Dawley Town 0, Wellington Amateurs Reserves 1.

Division one: Clee Hill 2, Oswestry Lions 3; Oswestry Boys Club 3, Hopesgate 0; Prees 6 ,Meole Brace 1; Shawbury Utd Reserves 0, Rock Rovers 8; Wrockwardine Wood Juniors 0, Brown Clee 4; Morda Utd Reserves 1, Bishops Castle 8.

Division two: Albrighton Juniors 0, Athletico Broseley 1; Claverley 5, Randlay 2012 2; Denso 0, AFC Wellington 11; Edgmond Rangers 2, Wrockwardine Wood 2; Highley Miners Welfare 2 ,Childs Ercall 3; Impact Utd 6, Spalaig Britannia 1.

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Ludlow	8	6	1	21	11	19
Church Stretton	10	5	2	19	16	18
FC Hodnet	9	5	2	15	9	17
Oakengates Ath	9	5	3	19	11	16
Allscott	9	5	3	22	15	16
Telford Juniors	8	4	1	14	10	15
Shifnal United 97	10	4	4	16	14	14
Morda United	8	4	2	16	11	9
Ketley Bank Utd	9	2	6	12	21	7
Wellington Am R	9	2	6	12	22	7
Dawley Town	5	1	3	4	10	4
Whitchurch Alp R	7	1	5	9	16	4
Weston Rhyn	9	1	7	7	20	4

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Madeley Sports	10	9	1	43	10	27
Ketley Town	9	8	1	54	12	24
Prees FC	9	7	2	38	15	21
Oswestry Lions	9	7	2	30	20	21
Rock Rovers FC	9	6	1	48	17	20
Bishops Castle T	9	6	1	33	13	20
Brown Clee	10	5	4	25	18	16
Oswestry Boys Clb	10	5	4	23	17	16
Wroxeter Rovers	7	3	4	21	17	9
Clee Hill	9	2	6	20	36	7
Morda Utd Res	9	2	6	14	43	7
Hopesgate Utd	9	2	7	20	40	6
Wrock Wood Jnrs	7	1	6	10	42	3
Shawbury Utd Res	11	1	10	7	48	3
Meole Brace	9	0	9	9	47	0

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Oakengates Rang	10	8	1	37	12	25
Childs Ercall	9	7	1	48	12	22
AFC Wellington	9	7	1	45	17	22
Athletico Broseley	10	7	2	39	17	22
Market D'ton Tigers	9	7	1	26	8	22
Claverley	10	7	3	48	16	21
Impact	10	5	5	24	27	15
Wrock Wood	8	4	3	25	15	13
Randlay 2012	9	4	4	27	24	13
Edgmond Rang	9	3	4	28	16	11
Donnington S&S	8	3	4	18	20	10
Madeley Sports R	8	2	6	10	28	6
Highley Miners Wlf	10	2	8	16	42	6
Spalaig Britannia	11	2	9	14	66	6
Albrighton Juniors	8	1	7	6	26	3
Denso	10	0	10	4	69	0

Spar Mid Wales League

Division one: Aberaeron 2, Four Crosses 0; Carno 0, Montgomery 3; Dyffryn Banw 1, Llansanffraid Village 7; Newbridge-on-Wye 3, Dolgellau 0; Waterloo 2, Builth Wells 1.

Division two: Knighton 5, Kerry 1; Llanfair Utd 7, Hay St Marys 0; Llanfyllin 5, Aberdyfi 1; Talgarth 2, Presteigne 2.

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	Agg	Pts
Aberaeron	8	6	0	18	16	20
Berriew	10	5	2	27	15	18
Four Crosses	8	5	1	22	12	17
Llandilo	7	5	1	33	25	16
Waterloo	8	5	2	22	2	16
Bow Street	8	3	2	23	3	12
Montgomery	6	3	1	12	7	11
Builth Wells	8	3	3	16	-4	11
Newbridge	7	3	3	16	2	10
Tywyn/Bryncrug	5	3	2	13	4	9
Llansanffraid	8	2	4	23	3	8
Carno	8	2	5	12	-5	7
Welshpool	8	2	6	14	-16	6
Aber Uni	2	1	1	3	0	3
Dolgellau	10	1	9	9	-31	3
Dyffryn Banw	9	1	8	12	-33	3

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	Agg	Pts
Llanfair Utd	7	7	0	24	22	21
Llandrindod Wells	5	5	1	16	13	15
Hay St Marys	8	4	2	30	6	14
Rhosgoch	8	3	2	24	6	12
Kerry	8	3	4	11	-6	10
Talgarth	8	2	3	17	0	9
Presteigne	4	2	0	15	7	8
Aberdyfi	8	2	4	18	-10	8
Abermule	7	2	4	14	-8	7
Bont	6	2	4	12	-15	6
Llanfyllin	6	1	3	13	-4	5
Knighton	5	1	3	9	0	4
Machynlleth	5	0	4	7	-11	1

Huws Gray Alliance

	P	W	L	F	Ag	Pts
Rhyl	10	9	0	36	8	28
Cefn Druids	10	7	1	21	9	23
Caersws	10	7	2	26	8	22
Conwy Borough	10	5	2	15	14	18
Flint Town United	10	5	3	25	12	17
Penrhyncoch	10	3	4	15	19	12
Holyhead Hotspur	10	4	6	17	24	12
Rhydymwyn	10	3	4	17	27	12
Penycae	10	3	5	16	22	11
Guilsfield	10	3	5	12	21	11
Buckley Town	10	2	4	14	13	10
Porthmadog	10	3	6	14	19	10
Rhayader Town	10	3	6	17	25	10
Llanrhaeadr	10	2	4	13	27	10
Llandudno	10	2	5	9	18	9
Ruthin Town	10	2	6	18	19	8

Oswestry & District Dominoes League

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Station	3	1	0	12	6	4
White Lion	3	1	0	12	6	4
Bell	3	1	0	11	7	4
Cross Keys	3	1	0	11	7	4
Black Lion A	3	2	1	10	8	4
Black Lion B	3	2	1	10	8	4
Penybont Inn	3	1	0	10	8	4
Top White Lion	3	1	0	10	8	4
Plas Yn Dinas	3	1	1	10	8	3
Black Horse	3	1	1	8	10	3
Horseshoe	3	0	1	8	10	2
Railway	3	0	1	8	10	2
Plough	3	0	3	3	15	0
Royal Hill	3	0	3	3	15	0

Cross Keys 3, Station 3; Plough 2, Black Lion B 4; Horseshoe 3, Plas Yn Dinas 3; Black Lion A 2, Penybont 4; Top White Lion 3, White Lion Llynclys 3; Black Horse 4, Royal Hill 2; Railway 3, Bell 3.

English Clubs Championship

SOUTH LANCS CHESHIRE 2

	P	W	D	L	BP	Pts
Sefton	7	7	0	0	5	33
Douglas	6	6	0	0	4	28
Ormskirk	7	5	0	2	4	24
Vagabonds	6	4	1	1	5	23
Liverpl Collegiate	7	4	0	3	5	21
Dukinfield	7	4	1	2	3	21
Southport	7	3	1	3	4	18
Oswestry	7	3	1	3	2	16
Moore	7	3	0	4	2	14
Wallasey	7	1	1	5	3	9
Marple	7	1	1	5	2	8
Oldersham	7	1	0	6	1	6
Ramsey	6	1	0	5	2	6
Buxton	6	1	0	5	1	5

SPORT

Youngsters turn on the style to land a great win

LANYMYNECH
Meresiders 4
Llanymynech 5

This young team continued there excellent form with an impressive 5-4 victory away in Shrewsbury. Man of the Match for Llanymynech was George Breeze.

Under 13 Dragons
Llanymynech 0
Shrewsbury Up and comer Eagles 9

This was a much improved performance by the Dragons against a very good Eagles side.

Commitment and attitude was excellent throughout and the Dragons were a little unlucky to go in at half time 2-0 down when it could easily have been 2-2.

With more substitutes available the Eagles kept freshening up parts of their team and eventually this told with a number of goals being scored in the last 15 minutes.

Some very tired players left the pitch at the final whistle but it was a performance if not a result the whole team can be proud of.

Shrewsbury Up and Comer Hawks 7
Llanymynech 4
(Charity Cup)

Llanymynech travelled to Shrewsbury and even though they made a bright start and made some good chances they found themselves 3-0 down at the break via two free kicks and a corner that they failed to clear.

The second half saw Llanymynech playing some good football and when Harry Garthwaite kept his composure after his initial shot was saved to calmly slot home the game was on.

And when Sam Chesworth, who put in another excellent performance, broke out of defence beating two players and finishing in the bottom corner from 25 yards Llanymynech knew they had a great chance.

The next five minutes were all Llanymynech but when the home side broke away and scored the game looked lost at 4-2.

When the home side added three more in quick succession it would have been easy for Llanymynech's heads to drop.

But Ryan Jones had other ideas and after being pushed forward to play as a third striker he quickly added two goals to make it 7-4 and with eight minutes left.

Llanymynech pushed forward and it looked like they had an outside chance of a great come back, but due to some good defending and some excellent keeping from the Shrewsbury keeper the score remained 7-4.

This was an excellent cup tie and both teams played some excellent football.

Llanymynech's man of the match was Tom Williams who put in another strong performance.

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Llanymynech 5
Church Stretton 2

Llanymynech claimed their first A league victory with a well deserved 5-2 victory at home to Church Stretton. Man of the Match Joe Kelly scored a hat trick and there were goals from captain Josh Biggs and Will Owen.

UNDER 16s
Llanymynech 4
Stretton Red Rovers 1

The Under 16's put in another impressive shift and came away with all three points at homeersus Stretton Red Rovers. Llanymynech scored 4 (Dan Lightwood hat trick and Eddie Rogers) with only 1 in reply. Man of the match went to Matt Roberts for a solid performance at right back.

Lions score 22 goals as Hawks are downed

OSWESTRY
Under 8s
Shrewsbury Up & Comers Hawks 0
Oswestry U8's Lions 22

Oswestry travelled to Shrewsbury for an away game and took command from the start after a few good saves from the Up & comers keeper. Oswestry soon found themselves 9-0 up at half time.

The second half was much of the same with new signing Liam Smyth replacing Oakley in goal, and Oswestry scoring another 13 to finish the game 22-0 in favour of the visitors. Scorers for Oswestry were Oscar Herd 5, Sam Owen 2, Harry Darley 4, Ben Roberts 5,Oakley Taylor 3, Joseph Davies 1,Ben Frost 1, Alfie Herd 1. Man of the Match:George Chapman

Under 9s
Oswestry Tigers 2
Shrewsbury Juniors 2

The Tigers hosted Shrewsbury Juniors for the first time this week and paid for being slow out of the blocks finding themselves were 2-0 down by half time.

A half-time pep talk obviously worked as they returned for the second half a different looking team.

They soon got back in the game with a goal from Olly Evans who cooly beat the keeper .

The goal seemed to spur the Tigers on and they started to play the kind of football that they have shown so far this season.

The home side equalised when a through ball from Evans was slotted in by Max Thomas.

The Tigers went for the win but a draw was a fair result in the end. Man Of The Match :Olly Evans.

Under 13s
Oswestry Boys Under 13's 3
Shrewsbury Juniors Colts 2

Oswestry extended their winning start beating Shrewsbury Juniors Colts 3-2 at Park Hall.

Shrewsbury took the lead, catching Oswestry napping with their first break, when a weak shot found it's way past the Oswestry keeper.

Oswestry heeded the wake up call and were camped out in the Shrewsbury half for the following 30 minutes.

Shrewsbury proved tough to break down but a fine header by Brandon Rodgers brought Oswestry level after 15 minutes. Adam Davies then finished well on 20 minutes, after Will Baker's shot was parried, to make it 2-1. On the stroke of half time Shrewsbury pulled level after Oswestry conceded a soft free kick.

Oswestry went in at half time rather deflated after an excellent performance. The second half was much of the same and when Rodgers got his second of the game to make it 3-2 to Oswestry they weren't going to let the lead slip again.Goals: Brandon Rogers 2 and Adam Davies. Man of the match: Lewis Birch

Under 14
Oswestry 5
Up and comer Hawks 0

Oswestry continued their good form with a impressive home win to keep them in the top half of the table .Manager Neil Lawrence praised his team commenting what we did on the training ground we brought in to the match and that made the difference. Man of the match Toby Thomas sealed his second spell with the club with a impressive hat-trick. Charlie Harding and Dale Evans were the other scorers.

Under 15
Oswestry 5 Up and Comers 1

Oswestry got back to winning ways in a very good 5-1 home win. Scorers Louis Morris, Tom Worswick and a hat-trick from Sam Lewis. Man of the match was Sam Lewis.

Evans off to a flyer finishing in top spot

WESTON POOLS ROUND-UP

Dave Evans made the most of his appearance at the first match of the winter league on Claypit by winning from peg 29.

He caught F1's carp on maggot and corn for 35-12 ahead of Jason Andrews with 37-12 off peg 24.

Result 1.Dave Evans (Tri-cast Weston) peg 29 38-12, 2. 2 Jason Andrews peg 24 37-12, 3 Graham Thomas(Deggy,s) peg 13 30-13, 4 John Dixon (Tri-cast Weston) eg 1 19-09, 5 Andy Philbin (Tri-cast Weston) peg 27 17-14, 6 Colin Roberts peg 3 14-04

Weston Open Tuesday October 9 Nine anglers

Andy Amos led the field fishing peg 25 on Belvidere catching barbel carp & F1,s for 77-12 with only 6oz separating second and third.

Second was Chris Durrant peg 17 on Weir pool with 73-15 followed by Phil Chatterton 73-09 off peg 6.

Result: 1Andy Amos (DrennanN/W) peg 25 Belvidere 77-12, 2 Chris Durrant (Church Gardens peg 17 Weir 73-15 and 3 Phil Chatterton(Church Gardens) peg 6 Weir 73-09

Weston Over 55's Wednesday October 10 39 anglers

Winner Barry Gabrial peg 28 Stretton long pole pellet & corn 61-06 followed by Barry Rowlands peg 31 Stretton 51-10 carp F1,s barbel

Result:1 Barry Gabrial (Tri-cast Weston)peg 28 Stretton 61-06, 2 Barry Rowlands (Tri-cast Weston) peg 31 Stretton 51-10, 3 Derick Buckle (Tri-cast Weston) peg 18 canal 51-08

Weston Over 55's Friday October 12 16 anglers

Conna,s Quay angler Steve Norman framed again in the over 55,s match fishing long pole on peg 23 Stretton on pellet & maggot catching F1,s carp barbel for 53-11 ahead of John Dixon peg 30 Stretton weighing in at 45-14

Result: 1 Steve Norman (Conna,s Quay) peg 23 Stretton 53-11, 2 John Dixon (Tri-cast Weston) peg 30 Stretton 45-14, 3 Mike Williams (Church Stretton) peg 6 Belvidere 40-08

Weston Open Sunday October 14, 26 anglers

Result:1 Mike Philbin (Tri-cast Weston) peg 6 canal 95-12, 2 Allan Jones (Tri-cast Weston) peg 25 canal 79-14, 3 Martin Holding peg 12 Weir 74-14, 4 Phil Hardman(Chester) peg 14 Stretton 67-05, 5 Kev Erlam (Rod & Reel) peg 3 Weir 66-14, 6 Bob Parrish (Tri-cast Weston) peg 16 Stretton 49-01.

Rampant COBRA run in 14 tries as Rhyl put to sword

A Rhyl player battles to halt the charge of a COBRA forward

COBRA launch yet another attack on their way to scoring 14 tries against Rhyl

The COBRA scrum refuses to budge during their demolition of Rhyl

A COBRA player goes on the charge after picking the ball from the ruck

COBRA embarked on a points bonanza as they crushed Rhyl 88-0 to sound a warning they still mean business at the top end of the table in the Welsh League division two (north) this season.

The landslide win, in which they crossed for 14 tries, lifts the Meifod men up to second in the table, although they are still six points adrift of unbeaten leaders Denbigh. It was the perfect response after a couple of disappointing results earlier in the campaign. and they will be looking to keep up the ante in Saturday's important trip to Abergele which is certain to prove a tougher proposition.

RUGBY
by John Bridgwater

Skipper and No8 Aled Davies led the way in the home rout last weekend with a hat-trick of tries, while centre Iwan Vaughan and wing Matt Jones both crossed twice.

The other tries were shared between hooker Endaf Jones, second row Alun Williams, scrum half Alwyn Williams, prop Andy Evans, fullback Sion Wyn Williams, flanker Richard Rees and fly half Llew Williams who also kicked nine conversions.

COBRA were soon on the attack in the heavy conditions, with rain before the game and during the second half making the going tough.

And there was no looking back as they led 31-0 at half time, before adding 67 more unanswered points in the second half.

"When Rhyl turned up they did not look as strong as they have done in the past but we did not expect such a big win," said COBRA spokesman James Watkin.

Crucial

"We were camped in their half and they did not threaten our line once.

"The way we played was pleasing as the conditions were treacherous with the rain we had, and it was difficult to keep your feet.

"But we made light of that and, after the forwards had laid the platform in the first half, we played some really good rugby and scored some good tries.

"It was another bonus point win, and we have now picked up a bonus point in every game this season which could prove crucial come the end of the season."

● Meanwhile COBRA's youngsters ran out 21-13 victors against their Bala counterparts in the North Wales Youth League division one.

Welshpool second after roaring back for victory

WELSHPOOL are breathing down the necks of the leaders in the Welsh League division three (north) after winning 22-12 at Benllech that lifted them into third spot – and with a game in hand.

The game had been switched to the Anglesey club, and Pool showed they're up for the challenge on their travels this season with a hard-fought win as they roared back from a 12-0 deficit.

Hooker Anthony Scanlon scored Welshpool's only try, which was converted by Daley Jones who also kicked five penalties.

The victory, their third of the campaign, sees the Maesydre side one of three clubs in second spot, just two points behind new leaders Menai Bridge.

Boosted by the victory, they now head to Anglesey for a second week running on Saturday when they take on struggling Holyhead, who themselves are reeling after being crushed 95-0 by Flint last weekend.

Their home clash with lowly Bangor, called off at the request of the visitors on the opening day of the season, has been rearranged for Saturday, October 27.

Away trip defeat for Waterloo

THIRD placed **Waterloo** reserves lost ground on the leaders in the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League division one after suffering a 3-2 loss at Caersws reserves.

Goals from James Coleman, Dan Kenyon and Peter Rees put paid to the Rovers who are seven points behind leaders Llanrhaeadr having played a game more.

Llanfair reserves bagged their fourth win when prevailing 2-0 at Trefonen with goals from Ross Lewis and Ashley Davies while a hat-trick from Mike Jones saw Llanfechain triumph 5-0 at basement side Bettws.

In the Mitsubishi division two, **Four Crosses** reserves were edged out 4-3 at home to Abermule reserves despite replies from Jack Brayne (2) and Ryan Wilson.

Lowly **Llanymynech** gained their first win as a hat-trick from Grant Jones saw them defeat Llandrinio 3-2 with the visitors responding with a brace from Luke Weaver.

Two goals apiece from Ryan Ellis and Luke Evans helped **Waterloo Colts** win 5-3 against Carno reserves, Mike Roberts also on the mark.

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New boss Humphreys starts with a point

New boys Delwyn Humphreys and Steve Jagielka

DELWYN Humphreys' first game in charge of Ellesmere Rangers saw them pick up just their third point of the Midlands Alliance season as they held third-placed Boldmere St Michaels to a goalless draw at Beech Grove.

Humphreys took over the reins at Rangers last week after previous managers Richard Brown and Richard Gardner were dismissed following a disappointing start to the season which saw the side pick up two points from their opening 11 games.

Rangers remain at the foot of the table, but Humphreys was encouraged by his side's display .

"I have been encouraged by what I have seen so far," he said. "I said to the players that I wouldn't have taken the job if I didn't think I could turn things around." Humphreys is getting help from former Shrewsbury Town and AFC Telford United midfielder Steve Jagielka – brother of Everton and England star Phil.

Dismissed

"Steve has agreed to come and give me a hand to start off with," said Humphreys, who coached Jagielka as a player at Market Drayton Town and Hednesford.

"Hopefully he will be playing as well and we will see how it goes."

A well respected non-league marksman as a player, most notably with Kidderminster, Humphreys has had spells managing Shawbury and Shifnal and has been No.2 to Simon Line at both Market Drayton and Hednesford.

Humphreys is relishing his return to football after almost two years out of the game.

"I've been out to watch a few games and you get that buzz back," he said,

"It will be a tough one to start with and you would like to be in a better position.

"But it's an excellent club with some smashing people behind the scenes."

Brown and Gardner were dismissed after failing to win any of their 15 games at the helm. And Ellesmere director of football Alan Davis is delighted with the appointment.

"Delwyn's got good experience and we didn't really want anybody else," he added.

Saints fail to make most of chances in shock home loss

The New Saints 0 Newtown 1

NEWTOWN pulled off a sensation by sending The New Saints crashing to their first home defeat of the season in the Welsh Premier when running out surprising 1-0 winners at Park Hall.

Craig Williams' 71st minute strike upset the form book as the Saints lost pole position to Prestatyn, while the defending champions were left to rue failing to make the most of an abundance of possession.

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

The dominated the ball, but were unable to capitalise in the final third as front Mike Wilde and Alex Darlington both went close, while defender Phil Baker had a headed effort in the second half harshly ruled out for a foul on keeper Dave Roberts.

Despite the defeat, head coach Carl Darlington remains philosophical as the Saints bid to get back on track in tomorrow night's trip to Aberystwyth Town.

"Obviously we were distraught to lose, but it was not a case of us not playing well," he said.

"We must have had over 70 per cent of possession, we were cutting through them like a hot knife through butter.

"We worked hard in possession and also to get the ball back, but we lacked that bit of quality in the final third. "We had more crosses into the box than I can remember, but we were let down by some poor execution and we were a bit predictable at times.

"No disrespect to Newtown, but we should be beating sides like Newtown at home and we'll be working on how to break down teams like this."

Surprise

Newtown boss Bernard McNally could not hide his delight as his side came away with a crucial victory as they battle to cement their place in the top half of the table.

"It was a terrific performance from every one of the players, we had a bit of luck while two or three fantastic saves from our keeper Dave Roberts was also a key," he said.

"TNS had their chances, they must have had 70 per cent of the ball at times, but the lads stuck to their task and came away with a great win.

"A result like that is a big uplift for everyone at the club and could be the turning point for our season, but we've now got to convert that into better results at home."

Softening the blow for the Saints was that new leaders Prestatyn could only manage a 2-2 home draw with Aberystwyth Town, while third placed Bangor suffered a surprise home defeat when going down 2-1 to cash strapped Llanelli.

But those results were just a consolation for the Saints who would have been bitterly disappointed to have suffered a shock defeat on home surrounds.

Making the result all the more remarkable was that the Robins – including three former TNS players – had gone into the game on the back of some hefty defeats, while their hosts had won their previous four outings.

The game started true to form with TNS making the early running but they were unable to find a way past keeper Dave Roberts who pulled off a couple of fine saves.

In particular, he managed to divert a goal bound effort from close range by Wilde over the bar, while also pulling off a couple of good stops to deny strikes from Chris Seargeant.

Paul Harrison had little to do in the home goal for most part but was beaten on 71 minutes when Craig Williams broke upfield and produced a neat finish to find the net.

●Mid Wales football has lost one of its most colourful figures with the death of former Caersws stalwart Garth Williams following a heart attack over the weekend.

He was in his early 70s.

Newtown's Luke Boundford, right, and TNS's Phil Baker in an aerial battle for the ball

Newtown's Zack Evans closes in on TNS's Sam Finley during the shock victory

Murder for Morda as Castle delivers eight-goal assault

MORDA reserves looked to be on the receiving end of a hiding from the outset of this first division encounter as they crashed 8-1 at home to Bishop's Castle in the Mercian Regional League division one.

They conceded two early goals then came more into the game before being breached a further three times by half time. An improved second half showing saw Castle hit three more as Luke Mellor and Jack Wilson completed hat tricks but Ricky Gale prevented the visitors from securing a clean sheet with a solitary consolation goal for Morda.

Morda had a very early chance to take the lead when Ryan Jones was tripped when well placed on a breakthrough but were unable to make the free kick pay. Castle then took over and found little resistance in the home defence. Goalkeeper Daniel Wood could do nothing when a block by Andrew Green was fired home by Luke Mellor.

Tough encounter

George Mellor then hit the second chipping the 'keeper. Morda then settled and enjoyed a good period of pressure. When in their opponents' half they looked dangerous but when in their own half their defence looked vulnerable.

They were left standing still when Luke Mellor headed home a corner. Luke Mellor completed his hat trick with Castle's fourth and Jack Wilson then claimed their fifth.

Morda came out in more determined fashion but could do nothing as Andrew Green found the net. Ricky Gale hit Morda's solitary goal before before Jack Wilson completed his hat trick with two further goals.

Morda reserves will be at home again next Saturday when they entertain Shrewsbury-based Rock Rovers. The kick off at Weston Road will be at 3pm. Morda firsts, who secured a 1-1 draw at Church Stretton Town last Saturday, will face another tough encounter when they travel to face league leaders AFC Ludlow in the Mercian Regional League premier division.

Guilsfield are ready to make Flint suffer for victory in cup

GUILSFIELD will have revenge on their minds when they travel to Flint Town United on Saturday looking to improve their position in the lower half of the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance.

Just a few weeks ago, the Guils went down 3-2 at Flint in the first round of the Welsh Cup, but showed enough that day that they can put the record straight this weekend.

And, languishing in the lower half of the table following last Saturday's 3-1 home defeat to Caersws, Russell Cadwallader's side need to put points on the board.

Huws Gray Cymru Alliance

However, it would not take much to lift themselves up the table as just two points separate nine clubs, such is the congestion this term.

Despite being down to 10 men against Caersws following Will Thomas' dismissal for foul and abusive language midway through the first half, the Guils responded well with some good football and took the lead when Danny Barton's shot, although lacking any real power, slipped past keeper Dave Jones on the hour.

The Bluebirds, however, upped the game and levelled seven minutes later as Iwan Lewis scored from the edge of the box following a break from midfield.

And, now pushing forward at every opportunity, the visitors got their noses in front through substitute Adam Jenkins on 76 minutes before Neil Mitchell headed in a Mark Griffiths cross to seal the win in the last minute.

Guilsfield boss Russell Cadwallader lamented what might have been, but was full of praise for the efforts of his side, which included a couple of excellent saves from keeper Dave Littleford.

Deserved

"Some big decisions did not go our way, not least Will's sending off which changed the game," he said.

"It is hard enough playing against Caersws with 11 players, but the lads did really well and deserved something from the game. We were 1-0 up with 20 minutes to go, but we were shot in the end.

"It is a fine line, but we showed against Flint and again last Saturday against Caersws that we can compete with these teams and can take heart from that."

Llanrhaeadr joy after late draw

LLANRHAEADR remain third from bottom in the Cymru Alliance, but stretched their unbeaten run in all competitions to four games after salvaging a 2-2 home draw against Rhydymwyn.

The hosts had trailed 2-0 to goals from Darren Pritchard (31) and Terry Pughe (37), but rallied through Emyr Roberts (38) and Josh Wood, the latter finding the net just four minutes from time.

Dan Roberts was the provider on both occasions, his first corner being slotted in by defender Roberts and Wood then headed in another flag kick.

Two minutes into injury time, Llanrhaeadr thought they had won it after catching their visitors on the break but Roberts saw his effort ruled out by the offside flag.

Even so, manager Dan Stevens was happy enough with the outcome having seen his side claw their way back from a 2-0 deficit.

"We gave away a couple of poor goals but we are a young side and showed immense character to come back from 2-0 down to get a point," he said.

"We are making a habit of going two goals down, we did it against Ruthin in our last home game, which is something we have to look at.

"But we are still unbeaten at home, and if we can start turning some of our draws into wins, then there is no reason why we can't climb the table."

The villagers face a tricky trip to Penrhyncoch on Saturday, but expect to have keeper Lee Davies back in goal after injury while Tim Hardie returns from his suspension.

Ex-Morda striker Guy Guilford is also included but fellow forward Chris Stevens will be out until next month with his foot injury.

10-man Four Crosses crash to first defeat

TEN-MAN Four Crosses tasted their first defeat of the season in the Spar Mid Wales League division one after suffering a 2-0 loss at fellow high fliers Aberaeron.

A first half goal from Dan James, followed by a second half effort from Gareth Evans, put paid to Nick Popyk's side who slipped into third spot in the table, three points off the pace. A hard-fought affair saw Crosses reduced to 10 men just before half time when Ben Oakley was red-carded.

WATERLOO ROVERS stayed hard on the heels of the leaders after overcoming Builth Wells 2-1 at Maesydre with Ricky Lichfield and Steve Laws the marksmen. Victory sees Waterloo fourth, just four points adrift of the leaders.

Seventh placed MONTGOMERY consolidated their place in the top half after clinching a comfortable 3-0 win at Carno, while struggling WELSHPOOL TOWN'S clash at Aberystwyth University was postponed due to waterlogged pitch.

It was seven up for a youthful LLANSANTFFRAID VILAGE who thrashed Dyffryn Banw 7-1 to top half of the table.

Wayne Austin and Iwan Matthews both scored twice, with Dale Lloyd, Steve Tomkins and Chris Aitken also finding the net.

Banw, who notched their first win the week before against Welshpool, were brought down to earth, with Tom Molloy firing their consolation. They are now back on the foot of the table .

BERRIEW had gone top for a time earlier in the week courtesy of a 3-0 home win against Aberystwyth University, with Josh Gethin giving them an interval lead before Christian Webster and Rob Pritchard found the net in the second period. They now lie second in the table.

LLANFAIR UNITED marched on at the top of the Spar Mid Wales League division two with a 7-0 drubbing of third placed Hay St Mary's to soar six points clear.

The high riding hosts had expected a stern challenge but it proved all too easy. Llanfair had led 2-0 at half time with Geraint Jones getting the first and Chris Gethin No2. An own goal at the start of the second half put them in charge, before substitute Daniel Jones netted twice to effectively settle the outcome at 5-0.

LLANFYLLIN eased their basement worries with a 5-1 home verdict over Aberdyfi, with Cody Smart bagging a hat-trick in their second win of the season. Adam Jones and Tamir Law also found the net.

KERRY, in fifth spot, suffered a shock 5-1 loss at lowly Knighton Town while Presteigne drew 2-2 at Talgarth.

LLANIDLOES Town suffered more frustration with the weather as their Welsh Cup first round tie at Halkyn was postponed a second week running due to a waterlogged pitch. Under the rules of the competition, the tie will now be switched to Llani's Victoria Avenue ground this Saturday.

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Welshpool hoping new players will boost form

HAVING slipped to 13th in the table, Welshpool will be hoping a string of new signings can bring a change of luck in the Spar Mid Wales League division one.

It has been a tough few weeks for the Lilywhites who suffered a disappointing 3-1 loss at basement side Dyffryn Banw, before being sidelined by a waterlogged pitch at Aberystwyth University last Saturday.

Last night, they were due to host Montgomery, before facing a tricky trip to Newbridge on Saturday as they bid to avoid being dragged deeper into trouble.

However, manager Dave Jones has moved to bolster his squad with five new signings joining the Maesydre club's ranks.

Defender Ryan King, son of former Shrewsbury Town star Jake King, joined last week, but is still waiting on international clearance, but four other signings have been given the green light.

The new recruits are Tom Reynolds, a midfielder-forward formerly of Newtown, Caersws and Guilsfield; Winger Stuart Buckley Robbins, ex Montgomery, Guilsfield, Llanfair and most recently Llandrinio; Craig Sweatman, a left sided midfielder/defender from Caersws; and midfielder Sam Adams who, a student at Chester University, had featured for Newtown in the past.

With Gareth Watkins, Mike Bebb and David Williams back in contention for Saturday's trip to Newbridge, boss Dave Jones should have plenty of options at his disposal.

"It should make us a stronger and a lot more competitive," he said. "We've been constantly changing the team this season.

"We've not had the same back line all season, so hopefully we can start having a settled side. For the first time this season on Saturday I may have to tell a couple of players they're not in the team."

Popyk boss of month

FOUR Crosses boss Nick Popyk has been named manager of the month for August/September in the Spar Mid Wales division one.

Llanfair United chief Rhys Stephens collected the second division honour after his team's seven successive wins. Player of the month awards went to Jamie Breese (Llanidloes) and Geraint Jones (Llanfair United) for their goal scoring feats in both divisions.

Young college cricket stars to play for Wales

Playing cricket for Wales are, from left, Ben Beaver, Connor Davies and Josh Andrady

THREE rising stars from Ellesmere College have been selected to play cricket for Wales this season.

Ben Beaver, Connor Davies and Josh Andrady are part of the College's Elite Cricket Academy and Development Centre.

Ben Beaver, a cricket scholar at Ellesmere has had three years working under senior coach Rod Jones and has represented Shropshire U10s, becoming the team's leading batsman.

Connor Davies who plays at Brymbo Cricket Club and Josh Andrady who is at Northop CC have joined Ellesmere College this year and are also on cricket scholarships.

"Ellesmere has given me the opportunity to focus my passion for cricket alongside my studies. The coaching is great and it has really improved my bowling action for much better accuracy. My overall game has also improved and being at Ellesmere has boosted my confidence to play for Wales", said Josh.

Academy Director, Rod Jones said "All three lads are developing nicely and working hard towards being good all round cricketers, but they are also good role models at Ellesmere, which is important. As a school we are keen to develop character as well as skill.

"In the last year, the College has seen an increase in young cricketers coming into the Academy, so the future looks very promising.

"I'm really pleased with all the boys that have joined the Academy this year.

"They are all working to a tailor made programme that includes nutrition, psychology and fitness."

SAINTS EYE RETURN TO WINNING WAYS

By John Bridgwater

STUNG by a shock first home defeat of the season in the Welsh Premier, The New Saints will be wary of the pitfalls as they bid to quickly bounce back at Aberystwyth Town tomorrow night.

The defending champions lost pole position to Prestatyn Town after suffering a shock 1-0 loss to Newtown at Park Hall last Saturday. But head coach Carl Darlington is confident TNS will pick themselves up for tomorrow's trip to Aberystwyth's Park Avenue .

"Aberystwyth represents another tough game for us, but we have been working hard this week on our decision making and how we can break down teams," he said.

"Obviously we were distraught to lose to Newtown. It was not a case of us not playing well. We must have had over 70 per cent of possession, but we lacked that bit of quality in the final third.

"Playing away at Aberystywth is always a tricky game, they have got some really good individual players, and we can take nothing for granted.

Surprise

"But we don't want to dwell on last week, the important thing for us is to look at ourselves and make sure we improve and tweak parts of the game which let us down last week."

Softening the blow for the Saints was that new leaders Prestatyn could only manage a 2-2 home draw with Aberystwyth, while third placed Bangor suffered a surprise home 2-1 defeat to cash strapped Llanelli.

However, TNS now find themselves just three points above fourth placed Airbus UK who were 5-1 winners at Afan Lido. The Saints could make changes tomorrow with striker Greg Draper recalled.

●Four TNS players appeared for Wales under-23s on Tuesday night, but the Welsh side lost their final game in the International Challenge Trophy 5-0 to Turkey at Port Talbot's GenQuip Stadium. Defender Kai Edwards, midfielders Chris Jones and Aeron Edwards, along with forward Alex Darlington, were in the Welsh side.

Oswestry will ring changes after defeat

OSWESTRY again look likely to ring the changes as they bid to get back on track in Saturday's home tussle with Southport in rugby's South Lancs and Cheshire Two.

After their landslide 67-0 victory over Ramsey the week before, the Eagles were grounded 29-5 at Vagabonds in the Isle of Man last Saturday, a result that sees them lying eighth in the table, with 16 points from seven outings.

They now host Southport who lie just one place and two points above them and, will be keen to get the better of their visitors as they look to nudge their way into the top half of the table.

The Eagles will be concerned at the manner in which they conceded three tries in the first 15 minutes against the Vagabonds .

Despite the defeat, Oswestry can take heart that players were able to slot into different positions and compete very well, especially young replacement Luke Parks.

The return of several players will offset their loss and captain Graham Fox said:"Our policy this season is to develop as many players as possible from the seconds and youth team, and already we have used 40 players in the first seven games."

AFC Newtown's Luke Boundford and TNS's Phil Baker battle for the ball

Ladies set a hot pace after close fought win

ON-SONG Oswestry Ladies continue to set a hot pace in the Cheshire Ladies Hockey League division three after maintaining their winning start with a hard-fought 2-1 home success over Chester.

Despite having most of the play in the first half, they were unable to break the deadlock before Tracey Royle put the hosts in front after the interval.

Sandra Jones then doubled the advantage and, despite Chester pulling one back with a penalty corner five minutes from time, Oswestry held firm for the points.

Reeling

The border side have now won three games since stepping up a division, while they also picked up the points when Newton le Willows conceded their match earlier in the season. They have no league game now until they visit Buckley on November 3.

Oswestry men, meanwhile, tasted their second defeat when downed 3-2 by visiting Newtown to remain in mid-table in the West Midlands League division two.

So they will be keen to bounce back at Rugeley on Saturday, with their hosts reeling from an 8-1 battering at the hands of Ludlow last week.

The second team had no game as their North Wales League clash with Wrexham was cancelled.

They are due to host Colwyn Bay this weekend.

New keeper is a big hit

WELSHPOOL ladies notched a narrow 2-1 win over newly promoted Llanfair Caereinion in the North Wales Ladies League division one.

There was little to choose between the sides in the derby with Nia Jones giving Pool the lead after a well worked penalty corner and Lucy Davies added a second just before half time.

Llanfair pulled one back, but some good saves from Welshpool's new keeper Gez Charles ensured her side took the spoils.

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